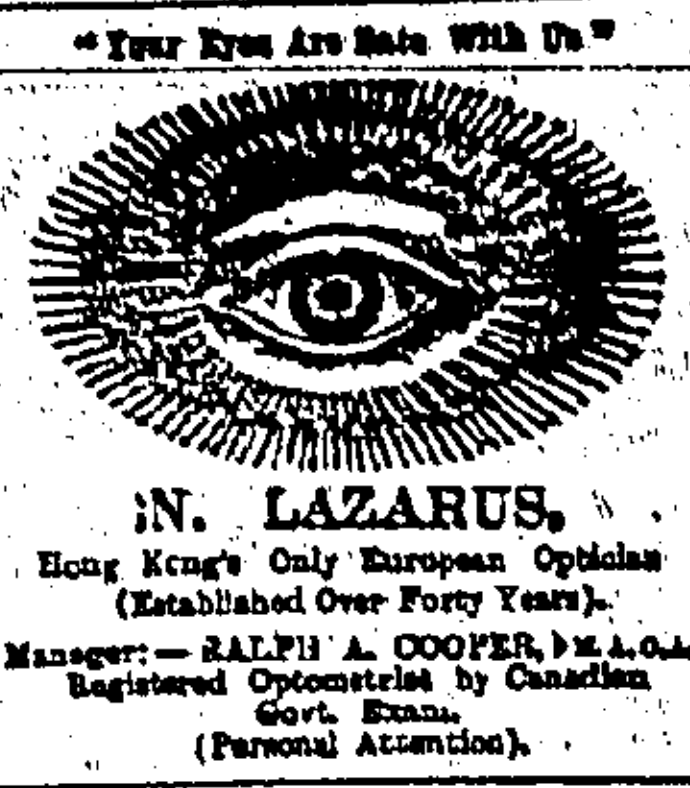


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UP TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Kowloon Dep.	6.40	6.05	5.30	4.55	4.30	4.05	3.40	3.15	2.50	2.25	2.00
Yamat Dep.	6.48	6.13	5.38	4.63	3.88	3.63	3.38	3.13	2.88	2.63	2.38
Shatin Dep.	7.01	6.26	5.51	5.26	4.51	3.76	3.51	3.26	3.01	2.76	2.51
Taipei Dep.	7.15	6.40	6.05	5.30	4.55	3.80	3.55	3.30	3.05	2.80	2.55
Market Dep.	7.20	6.45	6.20	5.45	4.70	3.95	3.70	3.45	3.20	2.95	2.70
Fanning Dep.	7.30	6.55	6.30	5.55	4.80	4.05	3.80	3.55	3.30	3.05	2.80
Sham Shui Dep.	7.35	7.10	6.35	5.60	4.85	4.10	3.85	3.60	3.35	3.10	2.85
Sham Shui Arr.	7.41	7.16	6.41	5.66	4.91	4.16	3.91	3.66	3.41	3.16	2.91
Canton Arr.	12.05	11.30	10.55	10.30	9.55	8.30	7.55	6.30	5.55	4.30	3.55

DOWN TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Canton Dep.	1.15	1.40	2.05	2.30	2.55	3.20	3.45	3.70	3.95	4.20	4.45
Sham Shui Dep.	1.25	1.50	2.15	2.40	2.65	2.90	3.15	3.40	3.65	3.90	4.15
Sham Shui Arr.	1.31	1.56	2.21	2.46	2.71	2.96	3.21	3.46	3.71	3.96	4.21
Fanning Dep.	1.40	2.05	2.30	2.55	2.80	3.05	3.30	3.55	3.80	4.05	4.30
Market Dep.	1.45	2.10	2.35	2.60	2.85	3.10	3.35	3.60	3.85	4.10	4.35
Taipei Dep.	1.50	2.15	2.40	2.65	2.90	3.15	3.40	3.65	3.90	4.15	4.40
Shatin Dep.	1.55	2.20	2.45	2.70	2.95	3.20	3.45	3.70	3.95	4.20	4.45
Yamat Dep.	2.01	2.26	2.51	2.76	3.01	3.26	3.51	3.76	4.01	4.26	4.51
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	8.42	9.07	9.32	9.57	10.22	10.47	11.02	11.27	11.52	12.07

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RESERVOIR MURDER MYSTERY.

DAIRYMAID KILLED BY
BLOW ON THE HEAD.

LOCKED MANHOLE RIDDLE.

WHITING. The murder of Sarah Jane Corlett, a pretty nineteen-year-old dairymaid who was found in an underground reservoir a month after her mysterious disappearance, was revealed at the opening of the inquest to be one of the most remarkable and sensational crimes of recent years.

Medical evidence proved that the girl was killed by a blow which fractured her skull after she had left her employer's farm on the dark and foggy night when she vanished.

She was dead when she was forced through a manhole into the thirteen-foot deep water of the reservoir.

Top Of A Hill.

The reservoir is on the top of a hill nearly half a mile from a road, and the approach to it is across swampy fields. It is almost incredible that a girl would voluntarily meet her death at the spot after dark, but if Sarah Corlett was killed elsewhere it is difficult to understand how her murderer could have climbed the long marshy slope with her body.

A clog and a blood-stained strip from a camisole are clues which may bring the murderer to justice. The clog was found near the girl. It may have been used to strike the blow which killed her. The strip of camisole which had been torn from her back was found round her neck.

Her murderer had to remove a five-stone wrought iron hatch, securely clamped by a crossbar, fastened with bolts, to push her feet downwards through the 22-inch aperture into the subterranean reservoir.

The hatch was replaced, and when it was examined two days after the girl's disappearance there was nothing to show that it had ever been moved. Only the fact that the reservoir was drained yesterday for the first time in two and a half years for cleaning revealed the crime.

Shingled Girl.

Sarah Corlett, who was a fair, shingled girl, had been employed as a dairymaid for two years by Mr. Robert Gill, of Arlecdon Farm.

She left the house at some time between 7 and 7.30 on the evening of Tuesday, October 16th, to call at her father's home a mile away to fetch a pair of clogs which were being repaired. From that moment all trace of her was lost.

Mr. John Corlett, her father, stated that the inquest that he waited for hours in his house, but that his daughter never arrived.

Definite proof that the girl had been murdered was given by Dr. Henderson, the police surgeon, who had made a post-mortem examination. He said that the indications were that the girl had been in the water for about a month.

"Her clothes were ballooned up round her waist, which shows that she was put into the water feet first," said Dr. Henderson. "On the top of the girl's head was a jagged wound two-and-a-quarter inches long. The skull had been badly fractured. This was sufficient to cause death. It is possible that a wound of the sort could have been inflicted with a clog."

"It is not possible that the girl's injuries were caused by falling into the manhole. The girl had stopped breathing when she was put into the water. In my opinion she was killed by the blow that fractured her skull. There was no sign of an attempted outrage."

John Corlett, the father, said that to the best of his knowledge his daughter had not been keeping company with any young man.

The coroner: Have you been in the habit of going down the road to meet your daughter when she has been on her way to your home?—Yes, sir.

Mr. Corlett, who was represented by Mr. W. E. Summer, a Whitehaven solicitor, was questioned at some length concerning how long he had been in the house on the night of his daughter's disappearance, and asked whether there was anybody else there at the time. He said that two of his six daughters were with him.

Mr. Gill, the employer of the dead girl, said that he had heard that the girl had been keeping company with a young man, but he did not know who he was. The coroner adjourned the inquest for a month.

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TALLULAH BANKHEAD TO
MARRY.

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FIANCE AN ITALIAN COUNT.

LONDON, Nov. 21st. Miss Tallulah Bankhead, the famous actress, is to be married to Count Anthony de Bosdari, who is engaged in business in the City. It is expected that the wedding will take place as soon as the run of "Her Cardboard Lover," the play in which Miss Bankhead is now appearing, is finished. If the play is not over by Christmas, the marriage will take place on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Wedding.

"I must at least have some sort of holiday for my honeymoon," said Miss Bankhead to a Daily Express representative, yesterday. "Therefore, if Her Cardboard Lover is still running at Christmas time, we shall try to steal three days away from London. We shall get married on Christmas Eve—as far as present arrangements go—and then I shall come back to resume my work at the theatre."

"There is no present intention that I should give up my stage career after my marriage. It simply means, so far as work is concerned, that when I am married I shall be able to pick and choose the parts in which I appear."

Met Three Months Ago.

"We have known each other for about three months. We have been unofficially engaged for two months."

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One of Miss Bankhead's great regrets is that her father, Senator Bankhead, who was re-elected for Alabama in the recent United States election, will not be able to be present at her wedding.

Count Bosdari, who is twenty-eight years of age, is connected with some of the oldest families in Italy and is a British subject by naturalisation.

MOSCOW AND SOUTH
AFRICA.

AGITATION FOR "NEGRO
INDEPENDENCE."

RIO, Nov. 6th.

It now appears that the Communist International's new directions for agitation, among the natives of South Africa are based on a report by "Comrade" Rebecca Bunting, whom the executive committee of the International summoned to Moscow from South Africa to render to the congress an account of how antagonism between black and white is being stimulated in the British African Dominions. Miss Bunting stated that the majority of white Communists showed a reluctance to wage war under the device of "independent black Africa."

This slogan occupies an important place in the new directions, and the International insists that white workers must take the second place and serve as auxiliaries to the negro movement for independence. They must raise the banner of an "independent South African negro republic" and combat the idea of the white's superiority over the black.

Communist agitators must attack all the laws and customs which concern the natives, and use all means to combine the negro question with determined warfare against the English domination.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day
(December 13th.)
Concert: Helena May Institute: "Music of Childhood," arranged by Mrs. Davenport Browne.
Annual Exhibition Hong Kong Art Club, Pedder Building, 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
St. Peter's Y.M. Club, Dance, Lane, Crawford's, 8 p.m. to mid night.
Hockey: Y.M.C.A. XI v. University 2nd XI, King's Park, 5 p.m.
R.B.S.F.P.A. Social, 8.45 p.m.
Whist Drive (open to Ladies) Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Barbed Wire."
World Theatre: "The Prince of Pilsen."
Star Theatre: "The Escape."
Dinner Dance: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.
Principal European Mail: Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Tyndarus), 10.30 a.m.

Friday,
(December 14th.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Annual Dinner Dance: H.K. Automobile Association Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society "Tom Jones," Theatre Royal, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Barbed Wire."
World Theatre: "The Prince of Pilsen."
Star Theatre: "The Escape."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Dinner Dance: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.
Principal European Mail: Outward: Europe via Siberia (Chienkiang), 3.30 p.m.

Saturday,
(December 15th.)

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning, H.E. to Open Sports Club (King's Building) at noon.
Fanning Hunt Meet, Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.
Cricket: Division I: Navy v. Kowloon (F), Craigengower v. Royal Artillery (F), Hong Kong C.C. Under 30 v. Over 30 (F), Division II: Indians v. R.A.S.C. (L), Kowloon v. Recreation (L), Hong Kong Electric v. Craigengower (F).
Football: Lai Wah Cup Final. Second Division: Eastern v. Queen's, St. Joseph's v. Navy, South China "B" v. University, K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F. Chinese v. South China "A", Small Units v. Kowloon, Recreation v. Royal Artillery.
Royal H.K. Yacht Club 5th Championship Race.
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Principal European Mails: Inward: London via Negapatnam, letters and parcels (Amcas). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kamo Maru), 9.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Kashmir), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday,
(December 16th.)

3rd Sunday in Advent.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning, semi-final of championship.
Fanning Hunt: Paper Hunt (December Cup) Jardine's Bungalow, 11 a.m.

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Red Lion White Long Rice, 1,800 bags	\$7.03
Red Seal White Glutinous Rice, 150 bags	7.43
Red Seal White Brewer Glutinous Rice, 117 bags	6.90
Red Dragon White Rice, 100 bags	3.91
Green Seal White Brewer Rice, 100 bags	6.59
Green Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 100 bags	6.53
Red Flower Pot White Rice, 34 bags	8.18
Red Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 350 bags	6.43
Green Seal White Brewer Rice, 334 bags	6.55
Red Seal No. 2 White Broken Rice, 110 bags	6.00
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 15 coarse powdered sugar, 100 bags	\$8.70
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 500 bags	7.28
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 500 bags	7.28
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 500 bags	7.23
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 100 bags	7.33
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.28
No. 13 coarse powdered sugar, 100 bags	6.73
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.33
No. 18 coarse powdered sugar, 500 bags	6.73
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 500 bags	7.23
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 500 bags	7.33
Java Red sugar, 600 bags	6.08

CANTON YARN TRADE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 11th.	
No. 42 Five Soms	\$3.50
Ful Hee	320
Butterfly	326
No. 32 Fine Deer	466
Tin Koon	460
Double Horse	452
No. 20 City of Gold	324
Globe	324
Ho Chao	322
Tin Koon	323
Double Horse	318
Double Elephant	325
Tramcars	315
Man Clock	319
Shepherd	311
Three Stars	311
No. 16 Globe	306
Man Clock	302
No. 13 City of Gold	288
Peacock	286
Tramcars	276
Aeroplane	270
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	269
City of Gold	264
Peacock	266
Lotus Bee	258
No. 6 Lion	218
Lion No.	198

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 11th.	
Water Works	\$3.20
Electric Power Co.	5.00
Canton-Hankow Railway	0.43
The Sun Co.	5.80
Sincere Co.	9.20
Canton Tramways	1.80
China Merchants S.S. Nav. Co.	6.40
Central Bank	4.60

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 11th.	Per Picul.
Chai Mi rice	\$10.11
See Mi rice	11.00
Green Seal Annam rice	9.05
Blue Lion Annam rice	9.90
Red Seal Siam rice	9.95
Blue Dragon rice	9.85
Red Flower Pot rice	9.40
Blue Seal Brewer rice	6.50
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 9 coarse powdered sugar	7.80
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Do.	7.40
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1 Fine Granulated sugar	9.80
Spring native sugar	10.10
Flour.	Per Bag.
Sword of Kwantai	\$4.30
Cannon	4.60
Cabbage	4.15
Maize	3.90
Silver Seal	4.15
Cheung Luk	4.15

CANTON KEROSENE OIL MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 11th.	Per Case.
New Star	\$7.70
New Balance	7.55
New Eagle	7.60
Cheung Hi	7.25
Hong Fok	7.25
Daybreak	7.30

ARTIFICIAL SILK AND PIECE GOODS.

There has been an improvement in the demand for artificial silk, the bulk of the orders sent to China and Japan being from Australia and Canada. The better quality taffeta, for which Japan is famous, is chiefly sought after and there is a continued demand for various types of silk and artificial silk mixtures. Demand for cotton and artificial silk velvets remain at a fairly high level.

Hong Kong is taking small lots of striped shirtings and fancies from Europe, as the Japanese goods are now being boycotted. Business is, however, spasmodic.

Woolen piece goods are being sold at a much reduced price in Hong Kong. This is owing to the large stock available in the Colony. It is expected that prices will still go lower at the approach of the Chinese New Year, as dealers will have to turn their goods into cash in order to meet their obligations.

AMERICA'S OVERSEA TRADE.

HOOVER'S PLANS FOR PENETRATION.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (U.P.)—Herbert Hoover's election to the United States presidency means, among other things, that a new impetus will invigorate America's effort to penetrate foreign markets with all manner of materials.

It will be no mere coincidence if the United States Department of Commerce enjoys tremendous growth and increasingly large appropriations under the Hoover Administration. Hoover served as Secretary of Commerce for eight years, during which he transformed the Department from a minor to a major force in American affairs.

While "Coolidge economy" was being advertised throughout the country, there was no apparent disposition to reduce appropriation for Hoover for his Department. With the funds placed at his disposal, Hoover created machinery designed quickly to put foreign purchasers or agents directly in touch with American manufacturers.

Under the caption "What the World Wants," Hoover caused to be issued regularly from the Department of Commerce a mimeographed pamphlet which listed hundreds of potential buyers of American products. The information was made available to manufacturers throughout the United States. A typical copy described particular openings in 32 different countries, each article identified by a key number to which American manufacturers would refer in seeking further information.

This voluminous and regular information, representing scores of valuable tips on potential new foreign business, was sent to the 70 district offices of the Department as well as to the manufacturers. In addition, the district offices were given the names and addresses of each potential purchaser or agent. This enabled manufacturers in any district to obtain complete information by telephone within a few minutes and to dispatch a cable or letter within an hour in quest of new business in foreign markets.

Food, clothing, automobiles, musical instruments, electrical fittings for automobiles, and scores of other products are figured in this service maintained by Hoover as Secretary of Commerce. No means exists for accurately estimating the amount of actual business developed by this effort to bring foreign purchasers and American manufacturers directly in touch with each other through the medium of a Government Department.

Dr. Julius Klein, an economist formerly of Harvard University and with wide experience abroad, has direct charge of this service which is part of the Department's Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Many persons have suggested that Klein might be appointed Secretary by Hoover who is under no obligation to Secretary Whiting who succeeded him by appointment from President Coolidge. Whoever is appointed, it is predicted that the efforts of the Commerce Department to stimulate foreign trade will be increased.

SALT SALMON.

A profitable line of business between Canada and Canton has been smothered by the anti-Japanese Boycott pickets, namely salted salmon. The annual turnover used to average \$4,000,000, but it has now declined to a very insignificant figure.

The fish is imported through Hong Kong for distribution in Canton and other west river ports, but owing to the large seizures made by the pickets, on the pretext that the commodity was from Japan, dealers have ceased business. There is a stock amounting to \$200,000 in the Colony which dealers are afraid to ship to Canton.

ARTIFICIAL COTTON.

SCIENTISTS' DISCOVERY IN GUIANA.

HUMMING BIRD'S CLUE.

A humming bird busily building its nest in British Guiana nine years ago set a party of British scientists, engaged at the time in pioneer and development work, on a train of research which has resulted in the discovery of a fibrous material similar to cotton and capable of production in this country at little more than half the price.

Mr. C. J. Hedley-Thornton, an analytical and research chemist and Chairman of the English Artificial Cotton Production and Marketing Corporation, Ltd., which is to make the new cotton, described how it was discovered.

"We found," he stated, "that the bird was using a fibrous material with an unusual lustre which it obtained by stripping the stem of a certain weed, dipping the stripings in a pool, where we found that they were chemically treated, and allowing them to dry on the banks."

"It has taken us eight years to discover which of the 87 species of the weed the bird was using, and the chemical treatment to which the fibre was subjected. Several acres of the weed are now under cultivation in Essex and Sussex—sufficient to ensure an output of from three to four million pounds of fibre on July 1st next year."

Mr. Hedley-Thornton explained that the new product, which he has named "artificial cotton," can be sold to the mills at 6d. a pound—4d. a pound less than the price of cotton fibre—that no alteration of existing machinery is necessary for spinning it, that it can be more readily dyed and bleached than cotton, and that it can also be blended with artificial silk, silk and wool as can cotton.

RATTAN FURNITURE.

Rattan furniture, which is such a favourite with house-holders in the Colony, also finds a good market in Canada and the United States. The total export to foreign countries from Hong Kong averages \$1,500,000 a year. The demand is always good, and the factories here are always working at full pressure. The trade could be greatly augmented if the furniture could be turned out by machinery.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

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B.K. Bank	\$1,322 1/2
Do.	\$1,322 1/2
London	\$1,410 nom.
Chartered Bank	233 buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	234 nom.
Do.	234 buy.
P. & O. Bank	230 buy.
East Asia Bank	230 buy.
Canton Insurance	380 sel.
Union Insurance	387 buy. & sa.
North China Ins.	Tls. 180 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	Tls. 245 sel. 2.35 sa.
China Underwriters	\$250 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$250 sel.
Dongless	\$284 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	\$29 buy.
H.K. Tugs	\$140 sel.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$45 buy.
Do. (Def.)	\$72 buy.
Shell Transports	118/ nom.
Union Waterworks	32 1/2 buy.
Benguet	32 1/2 buy.
Railway Mining Admin.	72/ buy.
Langkai (combined)	Tls. 11 nom.
Do. (single)	Tls. 54 nom.
S'hai Explorations	Tls. 2.50 buy. 2.30 sel.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 3 buy.
Banque	\$55 nom.
Tromoh Mines	17/6 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharfs	\$135 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$37 nom.
China Providents	\$4.90 buy. 5.15 sel.
Hongkows	Tls. 158 buy.
New Engineering	Tls. 34 nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 104 sel. 103/ sa.
Two Cottons	Tls. 13.40 buy. & sa.
Oriental Cottons	Tls. 2.40 sel.
S'hai Cottons (old)	Tls. 654 buy.
Do. (new)	\$30 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$64 buy. 65 sel.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 128 buy.
Humphreys Estates	\$144 buy. 15 sel.
H.K. Realities	\$32 nom.
H.K. Tramways	\$12.30 buy. 18.40 sa.
Peak Tram (old)	\$13 sel.
Do. (new)	\$3.30 nom.
Star Farist	\$371 buy.
China Lights (old)	\$12 1/2 sel. 12 sa.
Do. (new)	\$12.15 sel.
Do. (1928 issue)	\$12.05 sel.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$52 1/2 sa.
Do. (new)	\$51 nom.
Macao Electric	\$56 buy.
Telephones	\$7.10 buy. 7.30 sel. cum rights
Do. rights	\$3 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 102 buy.
Singapore Traction	112/ nom.
Do. (Prof.)	118/9 buy. 119/3 sel.
China Sugars	90 cts. nom.
Malayan Sugars	222 buy.
Canton Ice	\$34 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$27 buy. 8.30 sel.
Do. (old)	\$12 sel.
Do. (new)	\$14 sel.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$7.50 nom.
Do. (new)	\$7.55 nom.
United Asbestos	\$5 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$11 1/2 buy. 22 sel.
Watsons	\$14 sel.
Der A Wings	80 cts. buy.
Lane Crawford	\$3.05 nom.
MacKintosh	\$24 buy.
Sinco	\$3.65 buy.
Wm. Powell	\$3.65 buy.
H.K. Amusements	\$324 sel.
H.K. Constructions	\$11 nom.
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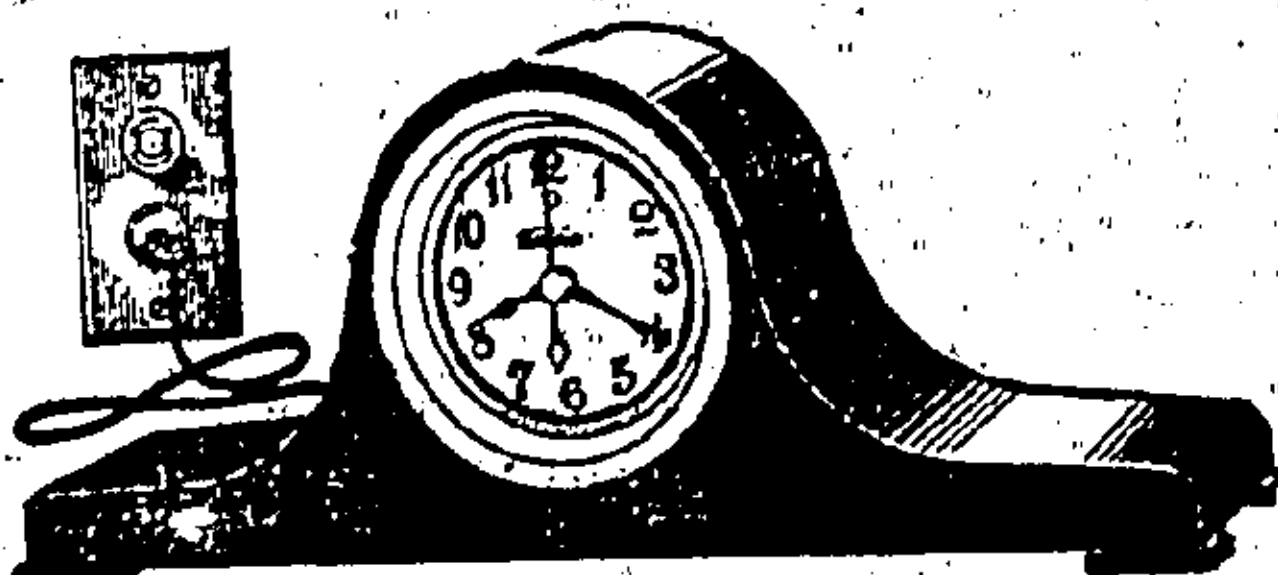
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H.K. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

TO OBTAIN INCORPORATION.

RESOLUTIONS FOR TO-MORROW'S MEETING.

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, following the lead of many similar institutions in the British Empire, including the Chambers at London, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham, is considering preliminary steps towards obtaining incorporation under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The matter has been under consideration and a meeting of the Hong Kong Chamber is to be held to-morrow afternoon at the City Hall when the preliminary steps will be taken and two important resolutions will be submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Reasons For The Step.

The reasons for the step are set out in a circular to members of the Chamber which states:—

It will be within the knowledge of members that many Chambers of Commerce are incorporated under Company Law, the object being to limit the liability of members with regard to any claim that may be made against the Chamber. Members of an unincorporated Society are liable to an unlimited extent: a creditor can take action against any members he thinks most likely to be able to pay him.

Your Committee has obtained legal advice on the subject and has been strongly recommended to take measures for the incorporation of the Chamber under the Companies Ordinance 1911-1925. The preliminary steps have accordingly been taken and a Draft Memorandum and Articles of Association prepared under legal advice. The Committee has been in communication with the leading incorporated Chambers of Commerce in England, including London, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham, and all that is considered best has been taken from their Memoranda and Articles of Association and incorporated in those suggested for adoption by this Chamber.

The next steps are simple. It will be necessary to hold a meeting formally winding up the present Association and appointing liquidators for that purpose. At the same meeting a resolution will be proposed that a company be formed, limited by guarantee, named "The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce" and registered under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. It will be arranged that the new organisation comes into being on the first day of January, 1929. To simplify matters, one of the Articles of Association to be adopted reads:—

"All persons and firms who immediately prior to the date of these Articles were members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce are from the date hereof members of the Chamber under these Articles."

The Resolutions.

The following resolutions will be submitted to the meeting:—

1. That the above named Association be wound up and that for that purpose John Fleming and Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountants, both of 3 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, be appointed liquidators with all necessary powers for conducting and completing such winding up at a remuneration to be settled by the Committee.

2. That in the place of the above named Association a Company Limited by guarantee named "The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce" be formed and registered under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance 1911-1925 and that such formation and registration be undertaken and carried out by the existing Committee of the above named Association and that the Memorandum and Articles of Association thereof be determined and settled by them in such manner as in their absolute discretion they shall think fit and that the assets and records of the above named Association be taken over by and transferred to the Company forthwith after the completion of the said winding up and the said registration; and that all necessary expenses of and incidental to such winding up formation registration and transfer be paid by the said Committee out of the funds of the above named Association.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

BAZAAR OPENED BY MRS. SOUTHERN.

CHARMING CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The Diocesan Girls' School was in fête yesterday, the opening of the new covered play ground by Mrs. Southern being made the occasion of an entertainment by the pupils, and a bazaar.

In declaring the Bazaar open Mrs. Southern said: The opening of this playshed gives me very special pleasure. It stands for so much that is good. To begin with the money has been raised through the efforts of the school combined with the assistance of Government. The school has worked hard to achieve this result and Government has assisted substantially. Apart from the means by which it has been raised, I can see in the future all the benefit that hundreds of girls will derive here from healthy exercise and encouragement of the team spirit. Girls of the twentieth century are very fortunate. In former generations the enjoyment of fresh air and games appeared to be limited chiefly to boys. Croquet and later a mild game of tennis were all that could be allotted to girls.

But nowadays the whole world of games is open to them. I may be addressing the Betty Nuthalls, Cecil Leitch and Mercedes Gleitzes of the future.

Girls of the Diocesan School rejoice in the freedom, the glorious freedom you now enjoy. Make the most of this playshed. Let it at all times be filled with the spirit of good fellowship and good sportsmanship.

And at the same time I hope the bazaar you have organised will be a great success. I am filled with admiration of the vitality, the many-sidedness of the Diocesan School. I gather that the objects of the bazaar are the feeding of hungry children at Christmas, the assistance of the Victoria Home and the equipment of your playground. They are all deserving objects. I trust they will be liberally supported by purchasers, and that the harvest from your bazaar will be a very rich one.

Dancing And Songs.

The entertainment consisted of a number of dances and songs by the pupils of the school. The first item on the programme being a series of maypole dances given by the very small girls amid much applause. The little dancers were perfectly composed and went through their complicated evolutions without a hitch. Then followed solo and other dances by the older girls, who were dressed in pretty and appropriate costume, and some songs which were well rendered and much applauded.

The Bazaar.

The bazaar was held in the big school room which had been prettily decorated for the occasion. The stalls were well arranged with a variety of useful articles, including cakes flowers and vegetables. One big table was filled with handwork done by the pupils and another was loaded with dolls. The sales at all the stalls went briskly and the staff and the pupils who have laboured so hard to make the bazaar a success must have felt great satisfaction when they saw how ready were the buyers.

Among other visitors were the Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, Dean Swann and Mrs. Swann, the Rev. Feathersone, the Rev. and Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Kotewall.

LORD BIRKENHEAD URGED TO APOLOGISE.

K.C. AND AN "INTEMPERATE ATTACK."

London, Nov. 23rd.

Lord Birkenhead's public castigation of Sir Henry Slesser in reply to the latter's expression of opinion regarding the award of pensions, is the main sensation of the day and is given great prominence by newspapers throughout the country.

Sir Henry Slesser in an interview refused to reply to Lord Birkenhead's letter to *The Times*. Mr. Alexander Grant, K.C., writing to *The Times* as a friend of both Lord Birkenhead and Sir Henry Slesser, expresses on behalf of many members of the English Bar regret at Lord Birkenhead's "intemperate and undignified attack" and urges Lord Birkenhead to apologize for so insulting a letter.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records).

"Ramona" — "There Must Be a Silver Lining" — Ambassadors Band.

"He's Tall Dark and Handsome" — "Virginia" — Sophie Tucker. Comedienne.

"Chanson Villageoise No. 2" — "Menuet" — Cello Solo by Gaspar Cassado.

"Blue Eyes" — W. H. Berry. Comedian.

"Blue Eyes" — Back to the Heather. Sylvia Cecil.

"Were You There?" — "Brittany" — Norman Alkin. Bass.

"Brown Eyes I Love" — "To A Seagull" — Hubert Risdell. Tenor.

"Tango" — "Moment Musical" — Poulshoff, Pianoforte. Solo.

"A Day's Broadcasting" — Descriptive Sketch.

"Lumber Love" — Selections — Lyceum Orchestra.

"Blue Danube" — Waltz — Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Aida" — Selections — New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.

"La Traviata" — Prelude to Act 1 — "La Traviata" — Prelude to Act 3 — Court Symphony Orchestra.

"Madame Butterfly" — Selections — New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.

"Reminiscences of Tosti" — Regimental Band, H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"La Tosca" — Selections — New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

"Peace" — J. Dale Smith. Baritone.

"Silent Noon" — "Blue Eyes" — "Blue Eyes" — "Do I Do Wrong" — Evelyn Laye.

"Erin" — Selection of Irish Airs — "Manolo" — Waltz — Combined Orchestra of 4,000.

"Blue Eyes" — Selections — Piccadilly Theatre Orchestra.

"Jeannine" — Paul Whiteman.

"Gypsy" — 10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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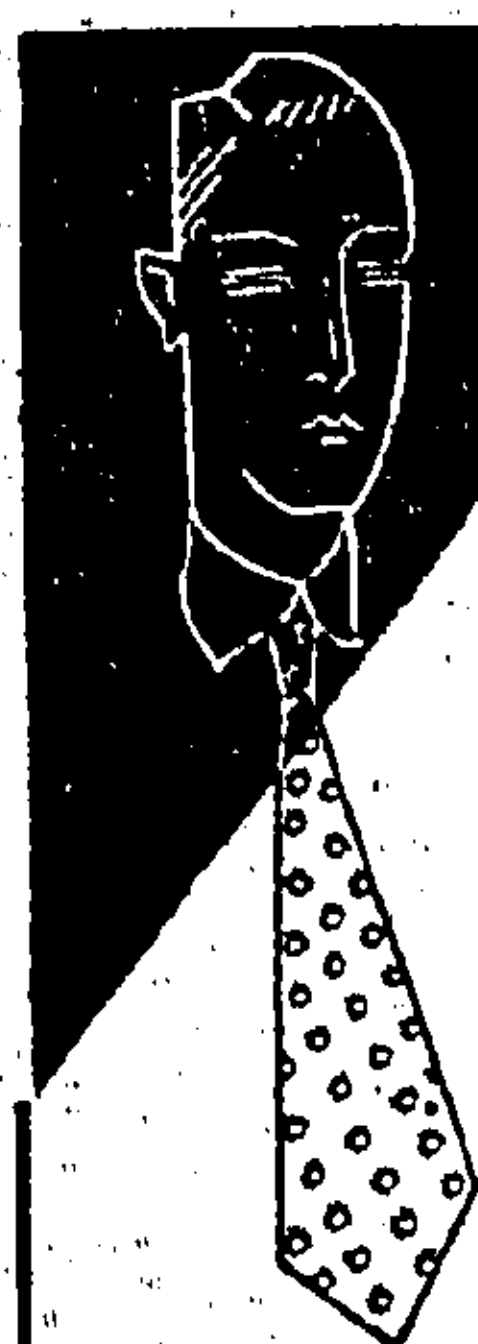


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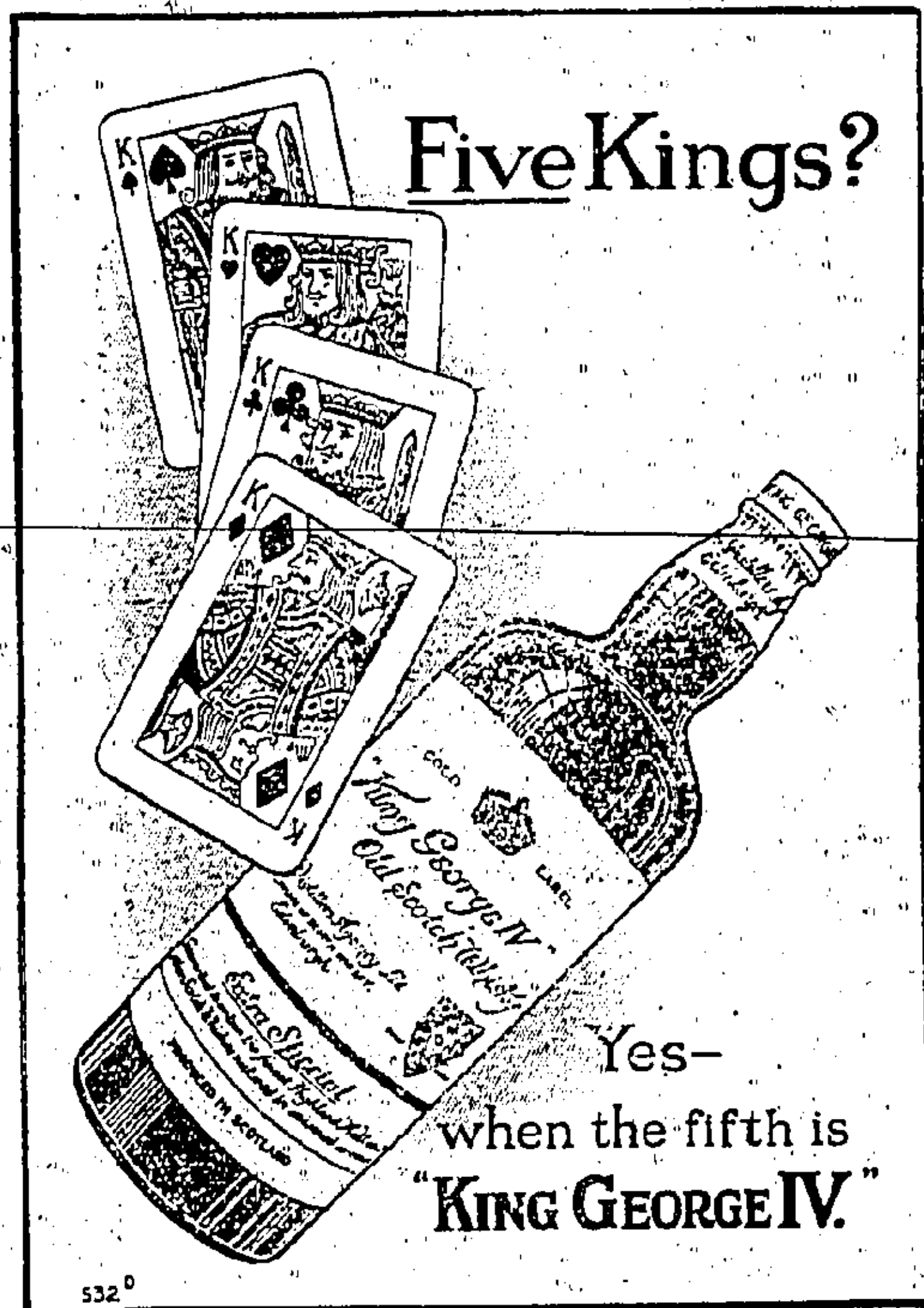
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THE WORK OF NEW MEMBERS.

AN ARTIST'S CANDID CRITICISM.

The Annual Exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club opened yesterday on the top floor of Pedder Building and can be visited between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. There are nearly 200 exhibits and the show is perhaps the most interesting that has been given for many years on account of the work of several new members and the inclusion of photographs, wood sculpture and arts and crafts.

The members of the Club are most of them amateurs, and it is a curious fact that the work of non-professional artists is generally preferred by the average person. No better collection of Hong Kong views could be found anywhere by the person who wants a memento either for themselves or a friend. So many different points of view are given expression. There are many people, not themselves artists, who, while they are sufficiently educated to appreciate the beauty of, for example, a Monet, yet prefer a sketch of far less artistic merit which shows some favourite view as they themselves saw it, and not translated into terms of exquisite technique, or the impression of another very different mind. Here on the walls of Pedder Building, are pictures of all sorts, and though they differ as widely as Mr. Hunt's decorative pen sketches at one extreme, and Mrs. MacVicar's impressions in oil at the other, they are all animated by the same spirit, which professionalism is apt to crush, of painting for the sake of preserving the beauty which delights them.

The Growth Of The Artists.

One of the most interesting things about this annual exhibition, from the point of view of the artist, is its growth. Not the growth of membership or of the number of sketches exhibited but the artistic growth of the members themselves. The writer has had the pleasure of reviewing this exhibition for three years in succession, and the extreme gratification of seeing from year to year how the candid criticisms, made with a certain reluctance, have been used and made the most of. The reluctance was due to a fear that in a club of this sort, which three years ago gave the impression of having a membership of leisured ladies who were united by a common love of painting, criticism might be resented—justly resented if the sketches were made with no idea of material gain and were in a way as personal as the painter's taste in dress or the decoration of her home. But it is very evident that this is not so, for blame and praise have been accepted in the spirit in which they were offered of a genuine desire to help fellow students of art. The work of Mrs. Aubrey is, perhaps, the most striking example. Her sketches now show a freshness of touch and cleanliness of paint which has technically improved them enormously.

The exhibition as a whole shows a higher standard of craftsmanship than that of last year, and fresh ground is being broken by many who have outgrown their old style. Among the new-comers are beginners and others who have advanced a considerable way along the long paths of art. It will, perhaps, be more profitable, however, to revert to the method of previous years and review each artist's work in turn.

THE PICTURES.

Mr. C. P. Anderson's three sketches are first on the list, and it was pleasing to find him exhibiting again. Two of the sketches (water colours) are views of Fanling and pleasing in their composition and careful drawing. The rather dry painting especially in the sky robs them of some interest. Mrs. Knight Anstey has five small oil colours which all suffer from a rather oily technique. They are pretty little pictures of which No. (8) "Hong Kong from Cheung Chow" is the most pleasing. All five show a good sense of composition.

The work of Mrs. Asche is interesting and valuable to the Club as it has two qualities which are lacking in many of the other exhibits, draughtsmanship and a sense of composition. Her three sketches of Foochow Boats are all delightful, the colours being well chosen. No. (10), in which the tops of the mast are cut off, is particularly pleasing since it gives an effect of breadth and space. The woodland scene, No. 11, "An Old Well," has atmosphere but is less surely painted.

Mrs. Aubrey.

Next Mrs. Aubrey. She has made a truly amazing advance. Of her favourite garden scenes only two, Nos. (22) and (24), show thickness and dryness of pigment, and then only in the reds and the shadows. Nos. (13), (14), (16) and (18) are all delightfully fresh and have an outdoor atmosphere. The same qualities are to be found in two landscapes, Nos. (25) and (26), but perhaps the most interesting on account of its unusual composition is No. (17) "Bamboo and Clouds."

Dr. Balean has a mixed bunch: one really exquisite little pencil drawing of a Chinese girl's head (which he has not numbered), a sketch of Dr. Balean's when he has something really good to give us, and two oil colours. One a sunset, was a very difficult subject but the artist saw has been transferred to his canvas. Mrs. Balean has five small oils which are marred by a certain timidity but show a sense of composition. Mrs. Breyer has two water colours which are weakened by poor draughtsmanship, and Mr. G. H. Bond shows eight sketches of very unequal merit. No. (39) a water colour of Fanling with a clever use of greens and of the foundation pencil sketch, is nicely composed and a very pleasant little picture. A pencil sketch (No. 41) shows delicacy and sureness of drawing. His pastels are less pleasing.

It was a very difficult subject and is not entirely successful, but the vigour and freshness with which it has been tackled, and the atmospheric effect make it one of the most interesting on the walls. In No. (46) she has made a real effort to simplify her technique and No. (19) also "Trees and Clouds" has an astonishing freedom and vigour to anyone who has watched this artist's work.

A Mixed Bunch.

Dr. Balean has a mixed bunch: one really exquisite little pencil drawing of a Chinese girl's head (which he has not numbered), a sketch of Dr. Balean's when he has something really good to give us, and two oil colours. One a sunset, was a very difficult subject but the artist saw has been transferred to his canvas. Mrs. Balean has five small oils which are marred by a certain timidity but show a sense of composition. Mrs. Breyer has two water colours which are weakened by poor draughtsmanship, and Mr. G. H. Bond shows eight sketches of very unequal merit. No. (39) a water colour of Fanling with a clever use of greens and of the foundation pencil sketch, is nicely composed and a very pleasant little picture. A pencil sketch (No. 41) shows delicacy and sureness of drawing. His pastels are less pleasing.

"Gunboats Off Canton."

Commander Binney, R.N., another new-comer, is not happy in his frames, which do their best to kill his very pleasing little sketches. No. 47, "Gunboats off Canton" shows clever use of colour and there is a very fresh outdoor atmosphere. Of his drawing of the gunboats all one can say is that the mere "land lubber" artist they look very convincing! No. (44) "Approach to the Monastery" is also pleasant in atmosphere and while both the trees and men show weakness of drawing they are full of life. Mrs. Cashman makes her first public appearance in Hong Kong as an artist, and it is not surprising perhaps that her painting shows some of the qualities of her piano playing, although not as consistently good. There are two flower studies in oil, Nos. (55) and (56) which are very pleasing indeed. The second though, perhaps less successful is the more interesting because of its restraint and the clever use which has been made of the drapery. The composition of both shows restraint, and the influence of Japanese prints. Two of her water colours again are very good, No. (58), the colour scheme is fresh but subdued and the draughtsmanship all that it should be.

Flower Studies.

Maud Crawford has once more sent in a large number of water colours which fall under two heads, flower studies and landscapes. The former all show an understanding of the principles of decoration and are bright and pretty. The landscapes suffer somewhat from a rather dry technique, and the artist might do better on a smoother grained paper.

"Sunshine."

Miss Griffith's "Sunshine," No. (72) is one of the most delightful exhibits. She has made very clever use of clear greens and her composition has those avenues of escape which are so invaluable in landscape work. The trunks of the trees in the foreground are admirably placed and give the strong note essential to the third dimensional effect. The heavy mass of trees in the back ground is also very well handled. "Sunshine" is a picture to live with and which will be a constant delight. Unfortunately the artist cannot spare it for any one else. No. (79) also is interesting in its delicate and unusual effect, the third exhibit is marred by heavy use of pigment.

Miss Harry is another unequal artist. Nos. (70) and (69), are interesting because of their unusual and courageous composition which make them very typical of Hong Kong scenery. It is, however, the tiny (78) a magnolia blossom in a small bowl which is the most attractive; it is a quite a pleasing little piece of decoration and Miss Harry should develop her talent along this line.

Messrs. Henry And Hunt.

Mr. Geo. P. Henry is another new-comer. His work is ambitious and unequal. The two large oils, "Kurds" and "The Moon Moth," show a pictorial sense and an interest in types. No. (94), however, a water colour, is more successful

and very clever use has been made of the lines of the paddy fields. It is a very representative picture of the landscape of the New Territories and has been painted with evident care and love. A rather broader, freer treatment of both composition and pigment would improve Mr. Henry's work. Mr. J. H. Hunt has sent in five decorative pen sketches which are all pleasing in their careful workmanship.

A Wood Carving.

Mr. S. D. Iglesden is, one would judge, a beginner, but his work all shows enthusiasm, and a loose sense of technique which gives promise. Much the same might be said of Miss P. L. Murray's exhibits of which the "Amah Sewing," No. (108), shows close observation and character. No. (119) is the sort of experiment which is a valuable lesson to the artist as it is built up in solid forms, with no attempt to do without draughtsmanship. The same break-away from the usual technique can be seen in No. (119), of A. M. de Martin. The two church interiors show careful drawing and a good colour sense, though the technique is rather dry. Dr. New-ton has sent a surprise in the form of a small wood statuette which is expressive in line and pose. He also has two chalk portrait heads which are quite living and give the impression of being good likenesses.

Excellent Draughtsmanship.

W. L. Pattenen has only two exhibits both of which show the value of good draughtsmanship. Of the two "Palms," No. (123) is really delightful in its light and atmospheric effects. The Cathedral interior lacks somewhat these qualities. Miss C. Peyton has a picture No. (134) which Mrs. Aubrey should study. It is in her own genre but the reds are exquisitely clear and fresh. Miss Peyton is a versatile artist and has ten pictures showing, all water colours. No. (131) "The Bend in the Path" is particularly well drawn and composed, and all her sketches are eminently "livable with."

Interesting Pastels.

Mrs. Pfister is another artist who is well represented, and whose work has improved very greatly. All her eleven pastels are full of vigour and have a breath of outdoors about them. They have force and character and are less like in technique and composition than those she showed last year. Some of them have a really delightful light effect, notably Nos. (138), (135) and (137). No. (141) "Hillside" is very typically Hong Kong and the bold treatment of No. (143), "In a Peak Garden" is very pleasing.

Mrs. Solomon shows two water colours both of which are well drawn. No. (160) is an attractive sketch in every way. Mrs. Sayer has changed her style, nor I think for the better, but she may win through to something interesting if her vision is clear of what she wants to do. Mrs. Wyatt shows four little water colour seascapes which show careful drawing. I. Vanwyack sends in a variety of interesting work. The architectural training is evident and has helped the artist in matters of composition and draughtsmanship, but too much variety is perhaps not in his best interests. The portrait No. (183) is the most interesting of the lot and it is probably along these lines, or in the field of architecture that the artist will do best.

Arts And Crafts.

In one small room are collected the work of three members whose exhibits may be classed under the title of arts and crafts. Mrs. Berg has a number of very clever and original pictures, composed of small water colour figures of Japanese mounted on grey paper. C. H. Blason has six really artistic and charming photographic studies, five of which are very typical Hong Kong scenes, while Mrs. Danby is showing Batik and Tie-dye scarves which are a novelty in the Colony.

A Dog Lover.

To return to the pictures, Mrs. Koop has a number of pastels, portraits of dogs and humans, which show bold treatment and an understanding of form. There is also a delightful little tinted pencil sketch of two dogs. Miss Westland sends two pencil sketches from life which show observation.

Flowers And Landscapes.

Only two more exhibitors remain whose work is among the most charming and experienced of the exhibition, Mrs. Boves-Smith and Mrs. Grace MacNair. The former sends three delightful flower studies in water colour, which are well composed and full of colour. They seem to have something of the soft crispness and the perfume of the flowers which the artist loves to paint. Her landscapes are not nearly so satisfactory. Miss MacNair, too, has two sides to her art. She sends four oils in a bold impressionistic style, and five delicate and charming water colour drawings. With regard to the oils it might be better for Mrs. MacNair if some one stole her favourite cobalt. I say this in all admiration for her work which is extraordinarily fresh and pleasing, but in No. (178), for example, the purples for which she has used it are all of the same tone from the distance to the foreground which loses the perspective suggested by her excellent draughtsmanship. For her water colour drawings I have nothing but admiration and delight to express, unless it be the legitimate envy or one artist for another's charming gift. —E.M.D.

NEWS FROM MACAO.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR HONOURED.

MACAO, Dec. 8th.
His Excellency Senhor Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, was honoured at a special dinner given in honour of the second anniversary of the date of his arrival in Macao to take up the reins of Government for the second time.

One of the prime movers in organising the dinner was Mr. Fernandes Rodrigues, and more than two hundred persons were present at the President Hotel which had been specially decorated for the occasion, the flags of Portugal and China forming a special feature of the scheme of ornamentation.

At the conclusion of the dinner Dr. Joao Magalhães, Colonial Secretary at Macao, proposed His Excellency's health and expressed the hope that Senhor Barbosa would long continue to guide the ship of state of Macao.

Mr. Henrique Nolasco da Silva supporting the toast highly eulogised the Governor's good government during two very trying years and Mr. Hee Cheong, Chinese representative on the Macao Government Council, assured His Excellency of Chinese goodwill towards the Portuguese administration so ably conducted by Senhor Barbosa, who had made for himself a big place in the hearts of the Chinese.

Returning thanks Senhor Barbosa said he had to express his very great indebtedness to all those who had so loyally supported the Government of Macao.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

The Macao Race Club has just concluded the second of its racing programme during which period Macao has had an uninterrupted series of excellent meetings. At the last meeting of the year Mr. F. X. A. da Silva, Chairman of the Macao Municipal Council, signalled his debut as an owner by winning the first race of the day with his pony *Amusement*. Mr. Nolasco da Silva also made first essay as an owner with *Cavalier* which was first beaten by *Mougli*.

MACAO PORT.

Work has been completed on the first wharf in the New Port of Macao. This work which has cost about \$120,000 is an excellent piece of engineering, and when the shore will be much in demand by vessels making use of Macao.

From the wharf a fine bund road passes along the port reclamations, running southwards to connect with Praia Grande and thence to the present business centre of the town, and northwards past the newly-projected Naval Yard and farther along to the Race Course and then through the Barrier Gate into Chinese territory on to the city of Shekhi and the important towns en route, and later, possibly, on to Canton, via Kongmoon, Chang Chuen, Fatsan, &c.

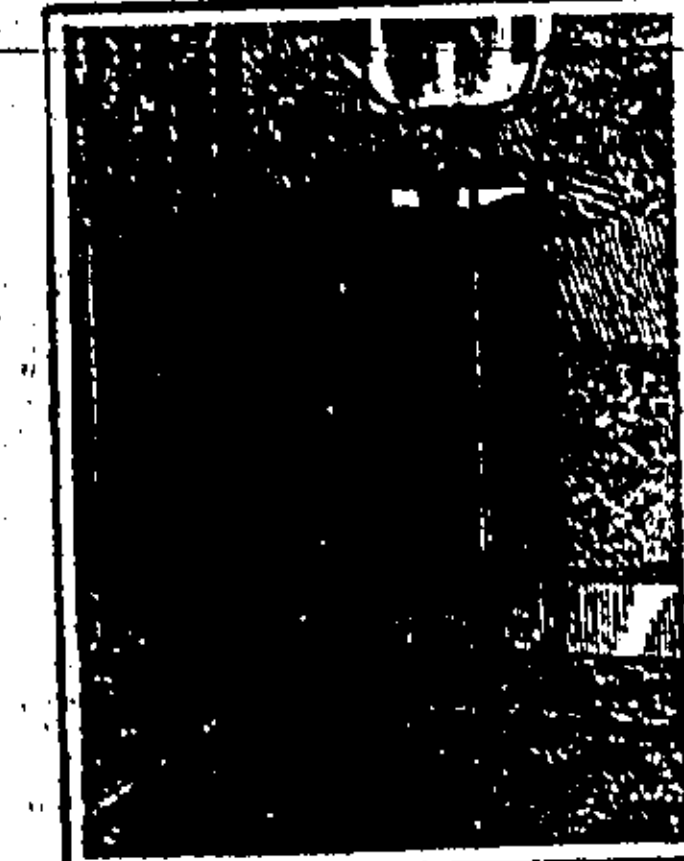
The date of the inauguration of the new quay has not yet been decided, but it will probably take place early in the coming year.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

SQUAD DRILL ETC.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central for Squad Drill etc. on Thursday, December 13th at 8.30 p.m. instead of at 6.45 p.m. as mentioned in Weekly Orders dated December 11th, under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress—Multi.

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CINEMA NEWS.

"BARBED WIRE" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Pola Negri, who has been described as the screen's greatest emotional actress, will be seen in a somewhat unusual picture, "Barbed Wire," at the Queen's from today to Saturday.

Adapted from Hall Caine's novel "The Woman of Knockaloe," the story deals with a phase of the war not hitherto touched on the screen. Pola Negri as a girl of Normandy falls in love with a German prisoner of war, a man who represents all that she believes she should hate. The picture closes with a scene in which former hates and quarrels are forgotten in favour of a great love. Clive Brook, Einar Hanson and Charles Lane each give outstanding performances in their respective roles under the sympathetic direction of the eminent German director, Erich Pommer.

"The Prince Of Pilsen."

A screen version of the musical comedy "The Prince of Pilsen" will be shown at the World from today to Saturday. It is a farce dealing with the adventures of a Cincinnati brewer who masquerades as the famous Prince of Pilsen. The unexpected climax comes in the form of a firing squad, before which the cheerful impostor is to pay the penalty for his deception. However, he is rescued in the nick of time. George Sydney, of "Potash and Perlmutter" fame, has the principal part and is well supported by a large cast of players.

"The Escape."

Night-club scenes, gun battles, love and a good deal of human interest go to make up the big picture at the Star from today to Saturday. "The Escape" tells the story of a beautiful young girl who is determined to escape the sordid surroundings of night-club life. How she manages to do this and win the love of a handsome young man is told in a series of dramatic scenes with touches of comedy. Virginia Valli plays the heroine.

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BEGGARS' SCHOOL FIASCO.**MENDICANTS POURING IN.****MUNICIPALITY CALLS A HALT.****WHERE IS THE MONEY TO COME FROM.**

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, December 12th.

The number of mendicants under lock and key in the Canton Beggars' School is now in the neighbourhood of 2,500. Yet in spite of this our correspondent still sees a great many shabby-clad beggars on the streets of Canton. It will be remembered that the primary aim of the establishment of the School was the elimination of beggars from the streets by rounding them up and making them learn a useful trade. This scheme, the Canton authorities thought, would satisfactorily solve the mendicant problem as far as Canton was concerned and at the same time would tend to "enhance the beauty of the city." But it was beyond the dream of the authorities that the number of professional beggars in Canton was so great. The School has to multiply its capacity many times or else some other means will have to be sought to accomplish the aim of the School.

The Canton Municipal Government attributes the number of mendicants still on the streets to the indiscriminate way in which the officers of the School took their "students." It complains that there has been no fixed standard for admitting mendicants into the institution. Many poor people just outside the mendicant class have been taken in, while the real professional beggars have been left out. "This is certainly not in accord with the aim for which the School was founded," it is stated in a letter to the Headquarters of the Canton Police, instructing the Police Force to be more careful hereafter in taking in mendicants. "There is only a limited amount of space in the School and it is already overcrowded. Every care should be exercised in getting just the right persons. The Police should first make a thorough inquiry into the economic conditions of each beggar. Then his relatives, if he still has any, should also be questioned to see if they can help him to earn a living. Unless he is absolutely destitute he should not be sent to the School."

ONLY CANTON BEGGARS.

Another order of the Municipal Government states that hereafter only the city mendicants will be taken in; professional beggars who have flocked to Canton for the purpose of gaining admittance into the institution will be rejected.

The current expenses for the upkeep and maintenance of the School amount to \$15,000 a month, all of which comes directly from the Municipal Government. But the Municipal Government in turn gets this money from a special fund of which it has just devised. This consists of an increased charge of 30 cents per table on "flower banquets" and an increase of 20 cents per each performance of special forms of amusement. This money is first collected by restaurant and cafe owners and proprietors of places of amusement and turned over to the Municipal Government. According to the officers of the Beggars' Institution this money is only enough for the time being. When factories are built for the purpose of teaching the beggars useful trades, it will not be enough. However, the School authorities hope to make the School self-supporting "some day." But this merely means that the Government has not to lay out large sums of money.

\$150,000 NEEDED.

Meanwhile Principal Wong Fun Ting is requesting the Municipal Government for \$150,000 with which to equip the School with more buildings and modern appliances. Put the Municipal Government has no spare money at the present time. Principal Wong then applied to the Kwangtung Bureau of Relief knowing that the Bureau has about three million dollars in reserve. (Continued on next column.)

THE "WONG SHEK KUNG" PIRACY.**CAPTAIN'S STORY OF THE ATTACK.****CREW IN LEAGUE WITH PIRATES.**

What exactly occurred on the Chinese steamer *Wong Shek Kung* which was pirated after she left Hong Kong on Monday night, as stated in the *Daily Press*, yesterday, was disclosed in a report made to the police by Captain Nils Hanning, master of the vessel.

Captain Hanning was the only European officer on board. There were two Chinese deck officers, three Chinese engineers, and a crew of 44. The vessel also carried twelve Chinese passengers and 200 tons of cargo, comprising flour, vegetables, fruits and gunny bags consigned to Saigon.

Six pirates who had boarded the ship as passengers started the attack, assisted by five members of the stockhold staff on a pre-arranged plan, at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning, or five hours after leaving Hong Kong, when the vessel was about 80 miles south-west of Gap Rock. Armed with revolvers and knives, the gang gained complete control of the vessel in a little while.

Captain Hanning was taken unaware and tied to his bed in the cabin. The second officer and quartermaster were also bound. The remainder of the crew and the compradore were driven into the fore-castle and imprisoned there. The pirates were evidently intent on carrying through their business without harming anybody unless they were resisted. Some difficulty arose in finding the compradore who was sleeping at the time. A carpenter who failed to assist the pirates in their search received a blow on the head with the butt of a revolver, but this appears to be the only instance of rough handling. In the meantime the compradore had hidden himself among baskets of vegetables. He was, however, found out.

As soon as the ship was under their control the pirates proceeded to ransack the vessel, dismantling all movable fittings and collecting all the money, jewellery and clothing belonging to the ship's personnel. The vessel was taken to San Lung Island, some 30 miles south-west of Macao, which was reached at about 7 o'clock in the morning. Thirty sampans came alongside to receive the loot. Fifty tons of flour and a quantity of fruits were also discharged into the sampans, the total value of the stolen properties being about \$5,000.

The ship would have suffered a heavier loss but for the appearance of a rival group of robber sampans. The pirates who had discharged part of the cargo hurriedly withdrew until they were sure of the identity and intentions of the newcomers. During this interlude the ship weighed anchor and gave them the slip. On the way to Hong Kong a police launch met the vessel and escorted her to her anchorage which was reached on Tuesday night.

The *s.s. Wong Shek Kung* is a vessel of 1,044 tons, registered in Canton, and is owned by the Wong Hang Sing Steamship Co., of No. 58A, Bonham Strand West.

Principal argued that the Bureau would not violate its established aim by appropriating such a sum towards the equipment of the School. "The purpose of the Bureau," he said, "is to relieve the people in distress. These poor beggars are certainly in distress. They were driven to Canton from the outlying districts by the recent deprivations of the Communists and bandits. They are therefore highly worthy of financial assistance." The Municipal Government has been asked to help to get the money from the Relief Bureau.

The Municipal Government has asked that the young and strong mendicants at the school be put on road construction under the immediate direction of the Municipal Bureau of Public Works. They are to receive wages for such service. One half of the payment will be used to defray their boarding expenses and the other half will be kept for them by the institution. All the money thus saved up will be turned over to them when they are ready to leave the school after they have learned a useful trade. In compliance with this request the Bureau of Public Works asked the school for 300 comparatively young and strong mendicants to work on the roads. But out of the entire huge enrolment only 20 or so could be found possessing these qualifications. Most of them are old and diseased. Even the young ones are not able to do such strenuous work, as they have all been undernourished. These 20 have been turned over to the Bureau and are at work on roads in the city.

ROUND THE COURTS.**UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.****HEAVY SENTENCE.**

An elderly Chinese emigrant who recently returned from America was the defendant at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of unlawful possession of five revolvers and 1,000 rounds of ammunition. The case was heard by two Magistrates, Mr. R. E. Lindell and Major C. Willson.

The evidence disclosed that the defendant claimed five packages on landing from the steamer to the Kowloon Wharf. Police searches arrived in due course to carry out their inspection and in a wooden box they found an assortment of bottles, pulleys and iron hoops. The box was found to have a false bottom for concealing the firearms.

A sampan man stated in evidence that he was sent by a firm in Wing Lok Street to meet the defendant and take over his luggage. He also testified to the discovery of the arms by the police searches. Other evidence was given by police witnesses one of whom said that on the arms being discovered the defendant disclaimed ownership of the package and made an attempt to get away.

Early in the case Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, for the defence, suggested that the wooden box was included among the defendant's luggage by mistake. His final submission was that the evidence of all the witnesses had been so unsatisfactory and contradictory that he had no case to answer.

Mr. Lindell observed that the sampan man had pasted the labels on the packages, he lowered them to the wharf, and the defendant himself removed the lid of the box for inspection. These facts were not challenged by the defence and he could not agree with Mr. Brooks. In answer to his Worship, Inspector Ogg said that the police were satisfied that the defendant was a bona fide traveller returning from America.

Sentence of two years' hard labour was passed and an order made for the confiscation of the firearms.

AN UNLAWFUL PROCESSION.

Ten Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell in the afternoon summoned for taking part in a procession without a permit from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Mr. R. A. D. Forrest prosecuted and Mr. F. H. Losby represented the defendants.

The facts given in Court were that the committee of the Lo Pan Temple at Kennedy Town applied to the Secretariat for a permit to hold a procession in which 2,000 people were to take part. This was a ceremony in honour of a god worshipped by the members of the Contractors and Carpenters Guilds. Mr. R. A. C. North not only refused permission but told the applicants that they were not to hold the procession, and Sub-Inspector Carey was detailed to see that this was obeyed. On the day of the procession about 45 men were found to be taking part and of these ten were picked out as the leaders.

Mr. F. H. Losby submitted that as the original application for 2,000 persons to take part in the procession was refused a small number carried it out under the impression that they were not offending against the law. In fact the defendants never intended to disregard the order.

One of the defendants who took full responsibility was fined \$50 and the others \$5 each.

Mr. Losby made a further plea for leniency and Mr. Forrest agreed that a smaller fine would meet the case.

His Worship reduced the fine on the chief offender to \$20.

ANOTHER KOWLOON SNATCHER.

A Chinese who snatched a handbag from Mrs. E. Lawrel, of No. 335, Nathan Road, was sentenced by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy to six weeks in prison and fifteen strokes of the birch.

Inspector Marks told his Worship that the defendant snatched the bag from the lady while she was waiting outside her house for a motor bus. Mr. Barros, a young Portuguese gentleman, happened to be near the spot and he caught the thief after a chase.

His Worship warmly congratulated Mr. Barros on his action and said it had been of considerable assistance.

A STOLEN BICYCLE.

In another case before Mr. Hamilton, a Chinese pleaded guilty to the theft of a bicycle from No. 492, Nathan Road, the residence of Dr. Luk. It was stated that after the loss had been reported to the police a Chinese detective found the machine in a shop, where it had been sold by the defendant.

His Worship observed that it was a smart bit of work. They never found his bicycle when it was stolen ten years ago.

Inspector Marks replied that perhaps it was not stolen in Yau-mai. Defendant was remanded until this morning for his finger prints to be examined.

OWNER OF "CHUEN CHOW" FINED.**CHARGE AGAINST CAPTAIN DISMISSED.****OVERLOADING THE VESSEL.**

The owners and master of the *s.s. Chuen Chow* were again before the Marine Magistrate, Commander J. B. Newill, R.N., D.S.O., at the Marine Court yesterday morning on a summons for overloading the vessel so as to submerge the line in the centre of the disc. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared on behalf of the owners, instead of his brother, Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for the defence at the first hearing.

Solidator's Protest.

At the outset of the proceedings, Mr. M. K. Lo said that before the case commenced he wished to ask leave to appeal again to the Magistrate to order the prosecution to divulge the extent of the alleged submergence of the centre line of the disc. He would most respectfully submit to his Worship that the order should have been made.

He would admit that under the section of the ordinance the offence was considered to exist if the line was submerged; but it was necessary that the defence should know what is alleged against them.

"In fact," said Mr. Lo, "it might be called a bad summons, and one which I would not necessarily be called upon to answer." The information might enable the defence to facilitate the hearing, but it was impossible to plead as he may be called upon to contradict the allegation.

"Never Before In My Experience."

"Never before in my experience," said Mr. Lo, "have I come across such a blank refusal from the prosecution, as my brother, Mr. Horace Lo, was given; even when he had asked for the information with the permission of the Magistrate. 'Had this occurred in any other Court the prosecution would have met with a stern rebuke for refusing.' He did not know what to plead and did not know how much the prosecution were going to state that the vessel was submerged. 'With great respect I submit that the prosecution he made to give the information,' said Mr. Lo. 'I am entitled to it and I feel I must ask for it to be given.'"

Magistrate: But if it was only one thousandth of an inch. Is it an offence?

Mr. Lo: But we haven't been told.

Magistrate: I don't want instructions thank you very much, but is that an offence?

Mr. Lo: Yes, but I should be in a better position to instruct my clients how to plead. With great respect I submit that I am entitled to ask that the information be given. What is the degree of submergence in this case?

Mr. Lo then remarked that it might have been a fraction of an inch, and furthermore, he had been told that the ship was rolling as the sea was a bit rough.

Speed Limits.

Reference was made to cases of traffic summonses. The defendant might be brought up for speeding at 50 m.p.h. in a 15 m.p.h. limit, but if the defendant could prove that he was only going 15 m.p.h. he would be in a far better position to know what to plead. The submergence might be as little as one thousandth of an inch or as much as a foot, and the case depended on such evidence.

Up Against A Strong Prosecution.

It would save the time of the Court if we got the information. It may be a wrong feeling or my part but I do consider that I am up against an obstinate prosecution. I ask your Worship to lay down whether or not a defendant is entitled to such information.

The Information Is Given.

The Magistrate said to Mr. Elvridge, who was prosecuting, that if the defence was so emphatic about it perhaps he (Mr. Elvridge) would be so good as to give the information required.

Mr. Elvridge said that the extent of the submergence was between 3 or 4 inches.

Evidence Is Taken.

Boarding Officer R. Elvridge said that at 2.40 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4th, he saw the *s.s. Chuen Chow* lying alongside the Yuen On Wharf. The ship was so loaded that the centre line of the disc under the load line of the vessel was submerged. The vessel then being on even keel.

The Captain's Visit.

Mr. Lo: Is that all you have to say?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Wasn't there something before that? Didn't you see the Captain?

Mr. Lo: Was it by accident?—No he came to see me, and to report that the ship was overloaded. So I see that the Captain came himself to the Harbour Office and reported the overloading.

Mr. Lo: When you went to the ship at 2.40 p.m. was there any sign that the ship was leaving?—She was taking on cargo.

Mr. Lo: If the Captain were to tell the Court that when it was found that the ship was overloaded orders were given to unload the cargo, would you accept it?—I gave the order to unload the ship.

Mr. Lo: Was the gangway up, or the officers at their stations?—The gangway was up, but the Chief Officer was taking the ship's depth.

Mr. Lo: The ship in fact was not ready to leave?—Yes.

It was further revealed that it was the practice of the Company to transfer cargo which could not be taken on the *s.s. Chuen Chow* to another vessel, which, in this case, was lying alongside, and which left a few hours later.

Mr. C. J. Thompson, Chief Boarding Officer, gave evidence of seeing the vessel completing her discharge. Captain Jones was in possession of clearance papers when overloading was reported. The issue of clearance was made according to usual custom.**The Captain's Evidence.**

Captain Thomas Jones, master of the *s.s. Chuen Chow* said that Mr. Ng Chow Wing was the firm's representative and although he travelled on the ship regularly, he was not on the ship's articles. Witness said that when he came to the ship at 2.15 p.m. on December 4th, he found the ship a little submerged. As Mr. Ng Chow Wing was not about he could not find any one to interpret the order to unload the ship, and he went to the Harbour Office and reported the submergence. On his return he found Mr. Ng had ordered the coolies to discharge the cargo which had been carried on for some time. Witness said that he made the report without Mr. Ng's knowledge, and that Mr. Ng had apparently ordered the discharge on his own accord.

Magistrate: Have you not, as master of the ship, sufficient authority to order the unloading of the ship?

Witness: The coolies.

Magistrate: Have you or have you not?—Yes I have.

Magistrate: What about your Chief Officer?—When I first went aboard he was looking after the cargo.

Mr. Ng Chow Wing was called and stated that he was the managing director of the owners. He had on this particular day been supervising the stowage of cargo in the hold and he would not knowingly allow too much to be put on board. The officers were on deck while he was below. He did not know exactly how much the ship would take, nor her rate of submergence.

Captain Jones, recalled, said that although promised, the builders had not sent a submergence table.

The Offence Not Completed.

Mr. Lo in his submission said that apart from whether the offence had been committed or not proof had been given of the precautions taken by the Company's representative, Mr. Ng and the master to avoid having the ship overloaded. The Company had carried on for a lengthy period without ever having been accused of leaving the port with their vessels overloaded. Mr. Ng had personally seen to it that the ship was not overloaded. If it is an offence, it was not a serious one, said Mr. Lo.

Real Meaning Of Loading.

Mr. Lo said that the next question was the actual meaning of loading. Like a Grocer who supplied a "light" pound of tea, a captain was entitled to correct the mistake. The ship had not left the port overloaded, nor was any attempt made to leave. "In short," said Mr. Lo, "the offence was not completed." Mr. Lo also referred to the loading which was done in an unusual manner. Being a new ship, it was the intention of the owners to find out the exact amount of cargo which the ship could hold without being overloaded. The coolies took the cargo aboard in no special manner, while the firm's representative stood by with a measurement and took statements of the submergence at each period. Should the vessel be overloaded the cargo would be removed and placed on the firm's other ship, which was kept for that express purpose. The offence was really unintentional.

Owner Responsible.

The Magistrate in imposing a fine of \$100 on the owner of the vessel whom he considered to be responsible for the submergence of the vessel remarked that in this particular case the method of loading the ship was different to any other he had known. While the managing director was in the hold stowing cargo, the officers were somewhere else and the master had to find either the managing director or the compradore to stop loading. He thought the owners were culpable and inflicted a fine of \$100, the case against the master being dismissed.

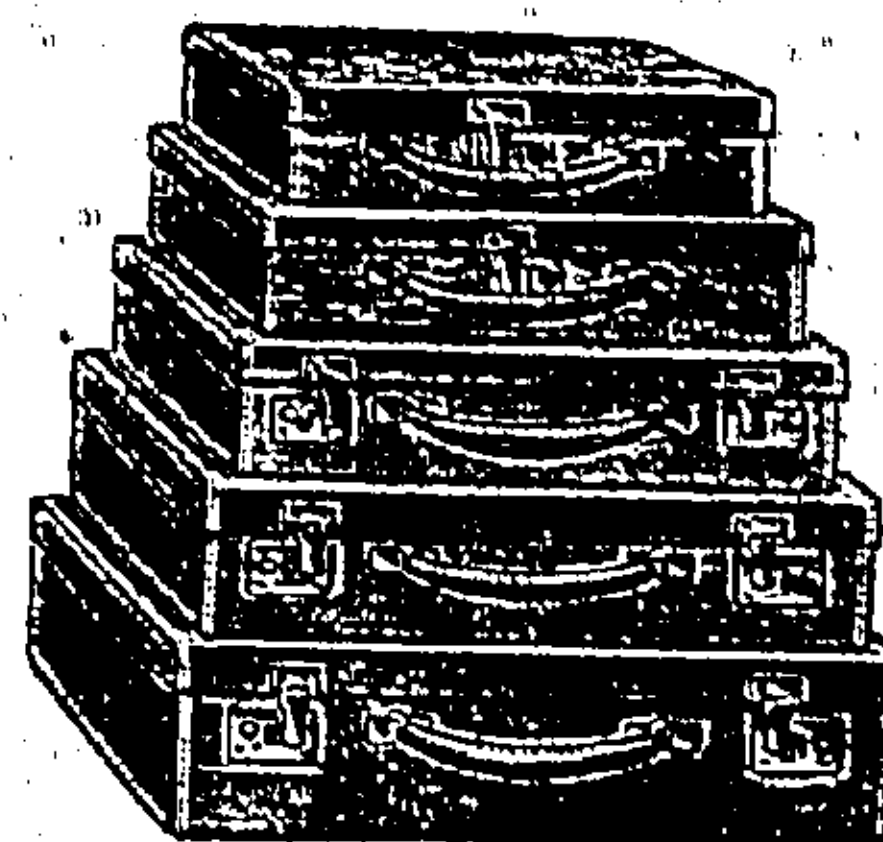
Appealed to by Mr. Lo, his Worship added that there appeared to be no intentional offence by the owners, but at the same time, he could not gauge the extent of an owner's intentions.

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Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1928. [7095]

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THE SPORTS CLUB, at King's Building, will be OPENED on SATURDAY at Noon and His Excellency THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, HON. MR. W. T. SOUTHERN, C.M.G., has kindly consented to officiate at the OPENING CEREMONY.

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MEMBERS are Requested to send in their Applications for TICKETS to the BALL as soon as possible to MESSRS. RUTLIN & SOMMERFELT, Joint Ball Secretaries, c/o LINSTED & DAVIS. [7081]

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1928, until MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 1928. Both Days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 8th Dec., 1928. [7078]

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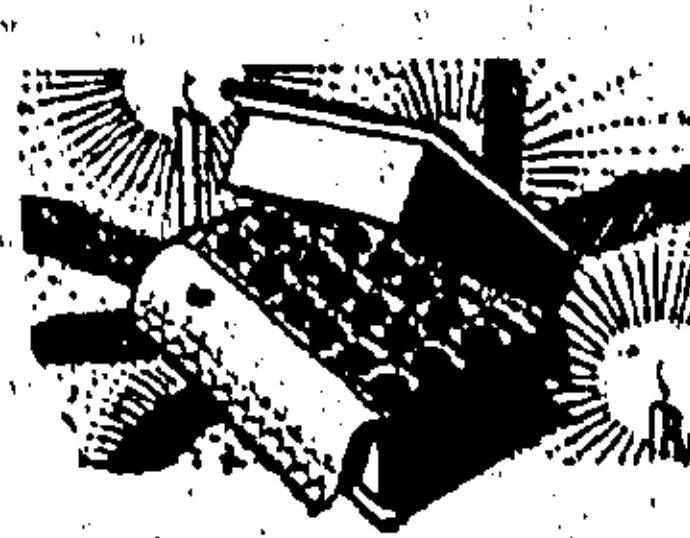
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PEARLS FOR PRESENTS.—Mr.

KODAKA will arrive in Hong Kong from JAPAN on DECEMBER 14th with a COLLECTION OF PEARLS. DATE OF EXHIBITION: TOMORROW will be announced later. [388]

MARRIAGE.

GORDON—SORENSEN.—On December 5th, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai, MALCOLM RALPH GORDON to HILDA AMY SORESEN (nee MILLER), of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

BEAMAN.—On December 5th, at Shanghai, Mrs. FRANCIS BLISS BEAMAN, wife of WILLIAM F. BEAMAN, aged 84 years.

KNIGHT.—On December 7th, at the Shanghai Sanatorium, JANET MATHIDA, beloved wife of WM. CHARLES HUBERT KNIGHT.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 13th, 1928.

MORE WRANGLING OVER REPARATIONS.

It is to be hoped that the heavy clouds which are reported to be spreading gloom among the mountain valleys around Lugano, where the League of Nations Council is in session, will soon be dispelled. The Alps can be intensely depressing, and even trained statesmen are human enough to react to their surroundings, though the present situation in Europe calls for particularly cool-headed statesmanship. The Council, that great purveyor of optimism, is itself meeting under a shadow of which the clouds over the snowpeaks are considered symbolic.

The one ray of sunshine is concentrated upon the table where the "Big Three" of Europe, Sir

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, M. BRIAND, and HERR STRESEMANN are once more

re-assembled. These three men know each other and like and trust each

other, which is an enormous asset in "statercraft" where the exact opposite generally applies among the

leading protagonists. The problem they are tackling is intensely thorny. The German nation demands

evacuation of the Rhineland and reconsideration of Reparations. Under the Treaty of Versailles

Germany was to be occupied for fifteen years, but a remission of

sentence could be obtained by good conduct. Herr STRESEMANN claims that the order of release should be

granted forthwith, and the whole civilised world knows that an

intolerable insult is being perpetrated against a proud nation which has

genuinely put aside the aggressive imperialism of pre-war days. Even

France, secure in the possession of overwhelmingly superior armaments, offers no opposition on political

grounds. But there is, however, a grave financial difficulty arising out of War Debts.

The situation is this. Britain having funded her debt to America requires from her former allies and

enemies sufficient to make her payment to America. Some of the money comes from France, some

from Germany, and some from half a dozen other countries, but the total

bears very little to the gigantic figures of the nominal debts. France again collects what she pays to

Britain and America from Germany. Germany's debt to the Allies was conveniently fixed by the Dawes

Commission at 132 milliard marks, a fantastic sum on which even the

interest cannot be paid, the actual toll on Germany being 2½ milliard marks per annum. But the figure

named by the Commission pleased M. POINCARÉ, who considered it a

legal handle with which to apply the economic screw if Germany gave

trouble. Germany has to pay the Entente war debts to America, and

incidentally, she has been borrowing a good deal from America to

fulfil the obligation. The original suggestion that war debts should be

cancelled all round unfortunately fell flat in the great Republic, and

it has more recently been suggested that Germany should pay America

direct. To that proposal the United States sees many objections on

financial and moral grounds, but the fact of the matter is that it is

extraordinarily convenient to make France and Britain act as her

bullies. There is also the practical consideration that if Germany declares she is "unable to pay,"

France and Britain have their remedy as M. POINCARÉ demonstrated

when he occupied the Ruhr. But if Germany defaulted to America

her credit would not suffer very much, and it is quite certain that

the two nations would be left to settle their differences.

It is a most difficult problem which the "Big Three," each with an irritated nation behind him,

have to face. For the last four years the early controversy over

reparations has been subdued by the operation of the Dawes Plan, but

this scheme—efficient though it has proved in working—does not, and

did not pretend to, provide a final and definite solution of the

problem. So far as Britain is concerned, she has admitted her obligations

to the United States, and has scaled down her own claims on other

countries to the absolute minimum required to meet her liabilities

across the Atlantic. She can do no more unless her own obligations

to the United States are reduced, and any move in that direction

seems improbable.

News and Views.

Mrs. Southern will distribute the prizes at the Victoria British School on Wednesday next.

Twenty-two small-pox cases, 18 from Kowloon and 4 from Victoria, were reported on Tuesday.

Mrs. Dyer is to distribute the prizes at the Kowloon Junior School at 10.30 a.m. on the 20th inst.

"Nina and Jack, two popular dancers, who have recently returned to the East after extensive engagements in Europe, will appear at the Queen's Theatre during the 9.20 p.m. performances from to-day to Saturday and will present a number of specially dances including "The Argentine Horseman Tango" and "The Dance of Death."

A formal remand for one week was granted by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a Chinese was brought up on a charge of unlawful possession of 342 ten-dollar notes of the Straits Settlements alleged to be forgeries. The notes were found on the man during a search of the passengers arriving by the s.s. *Sai On* on Monday.

Alleged possession of supernatural powers on the part of Gabriel Valentin caused the mother-in-law of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Manila University, to give Valentin \$8,000 with which to buy land that he said would produce gold after he had performed incantations. By Court decision, Valentin will now have five years, five months, and 11 days in which to find out if supernatural means can get him out from behind prison bars.

The U.S. Air Mail Service now consists of 24 lines, operated by 22 private companies, covering the chief commercial routes in the country and flying all the way from Montreal, Canada, to Mexico City and Havana. Arrangements are made for private operated routes to Central America and the West Indies. In speaking of the progress the industry has made since it was launched in the United States during the World War, Mr. New Postmaster-General, called attention to the fact that there are about 140 companies at present manufacturing airplanes in the United States, more than those making automobiles.

High curative value for treatment of diabetes is found in a common plant of the Philippines, according to Dr. Isabela Concepcion. Recent investigation by the doctor, who is the head of the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry of the College of Medicine, University of the Philippines, indicates that this plant is effective in lowering blood sugar and in reducing glycosuria. The plant is technically known as *Vaccinium myrtoides* (Blum) and grows in Tayabas, Laguna, Albay and Mount Halaon. Further research must be conducted to determine the best ways of extracting and purifying the essential medicinal parts of the plant.

Mr. Maurice Elvey, who is producing the film "Balalaika" for the Gainsborough 1928 Company, is making a series of pictures with the assistance of Regular troops, at Aldershot. On the 7th anniversary of the stand made by the 93rd Foot at Balalaika against a charge of Russian horse, a picture of Colin Campbell's "Thin Red Line" was made. As the 93rd Foot (2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) are now in the West Indies, their part was taken by The 1st Seaforth Highlanders, under Lieutenant-Colonel V. M. Fortune. The Russian horse were supplied by The 1st (King's) Dragoon Guards, and The 15th Hussars. The scene was laid in the Long Valley below Long Hill, which allowed the cavalry to emerge from the shelter of Cocked Hat Wood for the unsuccessful advance on the Highlanders.

Mr. Lloyd George's "Nonsense."

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., speaking in support of a Labour candidate recently, said that it was all very well for Mr. Lloyd George to poke fun at the inquiry into the conditions of the cotton industry which Labour advocated, but anyone who said they could supply a remedy without investigation was not telling the truth. Why was so much Lancashire machinery being sold out of the country to compete with Lancashire elsewhere? Why were the people of India boycotting Lancashire goods? In Labour's view it was high time the nation realised the sorry plight of the Lancashire workers, and in order to arrive at a proper solution of the problem a full and fair investigation was necessary. Mr. Lansbury added that Mr. Lloyd George's statement that the Labour Government when in office wanted to give British money to Russia was a lie. "I hope no elector will be led astray by such nonsense as Mr. Lloyd George talked," added Mr. Lansbury.

A Permanent Circus For London?

Mr. Gordon Bostock, whose surname will bring faded happy memories to many elderly people, intends to give the same memories to the children of these days by establishing a circus and menagerie on a grand scale at the old exhibition buildings at Earl's Court, of which he has acquired most of the lease. His whole scheme involves an expenditure of about £300,000, and includes alteration in the buildings estimated to cost about £10,000. The intention is to provide an arena with seating accommodation for 5,000 people, performances are to be given in three rings at the same time by a company which is to include all the best available Continental talent. In addition to the circus it is proposed to establish a good menagerie to be open all day.

English Plays In Rhineland.

There is always a public for modern English and American plays in the Rhineland, and particularly at Düsseldorf. Bernard Shaw's "Back to Methuselah" played in two nights, was frequently given at Düsseldorf last year, and continues to be given from time to time. The current Düsseldorf programmes include plays by Loche, Somerset Maugham, and Edgar Wallace, and at the present repertoire in Cologne includes "The Trial of Mary Dugan," which is getting a good reception, and "The Great God Brown," which was produced recently for the first time on the Continent at the Schauspielhaus. O'Neill is spoken of as the American George Kaiser, and his play "The Hairy Ape" achieved considerable success last year. The Schauspielhaus will also play Galsworthy's "Silver Box" and at least one of Shaw's plays during the present season. Captain Brassbound's Conversion," presented by a visiting company, has just scored a great success. "Julius Caesar" and "Romeo and Juliet" are also being re-studied for this winter.

CHINESE NEWSPAPER FIRM SUED.

STRAIGHTFORWARD STORY WINS CASE.

A newly established Chinese newspaper, the *Yin Cheung Po*, whose address was given as No. 51, Hollywood Road, Basement, was sued by a contractor yesterday morning before Mr. Justice, P. J. Jackson, at the Summary Court for the recovery of \$222 being a balance for work done and materials supplied.

Mr. F. A. d'Almada appeared for the plaintiff and the defendant firm was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Plaintiff gave evidence of the work done at the premises occupied by the defendant firm, and said that prior to coming to Court he had been offered \$100 in settlement. He refused this and the offer was eventually raised to \$160. He was not prepared to give such a big reduction but would have no objection to a reduction of \$20 or \$30.

The defence was that no money was owing to the plaintiff because there was no record of the account in their books.

When asked to produce his account books, the cashier of the *Yin Cheung Po* said that he had forgotten to bring them into Court.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff saying that he preferred the straightforward story of the latter to the story told by the defendant firm.

AN EARLY MORNING CATCH.

THIEF ON B. & I. VESSEL.

A house-boy residing at No. 364, Reclamation Street, Yaumatei was sentenced to one month's hard labour by the Marine Magistrate for boarding the s.s. *Takaki* without permission. The summons was taken out by Mr. R. E. Whitehead, the Chief Engineer, who said that he was suddenly awakened in his bunk at 5.15 yesterday morning and found the defendant crouching beside the bunk with a silver watch which had been removed from the head of the bed. Witness seized the accused.

The defendant said that he went on board to sell cane chairs.

The Magistrate remarked that it was rather early to go aboard a ship to sell rattan chairs and imposed the above mentioned sentence.

24 In Typhoon Shelter.

Twenty-four boat people were fined \$5 each for being in the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter without permission.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.30 p.m., stated:—The anticyclone remains central over S.E. Mongolia. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

THEFT AND HARBOURING.

TARIFF AGREEMENT REACHED.

LAMPSON-WANG SUCCESS.

EXPLICIT WORDING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 12th.

It is reported in reliable circles that Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. Wang to-day practically reached an agreement on the tariff questions. Both delegations are now working on a draft treaty which is expected to be similar to the American treaty, except that the British want more specific and explicit wording.

FOREIGN TREATIES.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pau).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12th.

As the result of the negotiations which took place yesterday afternoon between Dr. C. T. Wang and the Portuguese Minister, the latter has promised to make reasonable concessions regarding China's demands for Customs autonomy and the surrender of Portuguese consular jurisdiction. He has also consented to the revision of certain articles which were considered to be unilateral in the existing Sino-Portuguese Treaty.

During the same afternoon, Dr. Wang held negotiations with the Danish Minister on the same problem.

UNOFFICIAL TALK.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pau).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12th.

Mr. Tokonami, who is said to be an unofficial representative of Japan in Nanking to pave the way for the speedy settlement of outstanding Sino-Japanese problems, interviewed Marshal Chiang Kai Shek yesterday afternoon. Their conversation lasted several hours and was kept secret. Mr. Tokonami later declared that he would go to Tainan and then to Shanghai. He will probably return to Japan not later than the 25th inst.

MONGOLIA AND JAPAN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pau).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12th.

According to a foreign report a Mongolian society called the "Society for the Self-Determination of the Mongolian People" is in existence at Harbin. One of the principles they advocate is to urge the Mongolian people to strengthen the tie of friendship with Japan. They also offer free scholarships to Mongolians who are willing to study in Japan. It is alleged that the society is sponsored by the Japanese who have contributed \$20,000,000 towards the funds for this organization.

JAPANESE PREMIER'S NEW RESIDENCE.

YESTERDAY'S CELEBRATION.

Tokyo, Dec. 12th.

General Baron Tanaka, Premier and Foreign Minister of Japan, will give a dinner and grand soiree in his new official residence near the Foreign Office to-night. Upwards of 4,000 Japanese and foreign notables have been invited.

The Premier and his Chief Cabinet Secretary removed to the new residence—one of the finest official dwellings in Tokyo—on November 27th, and the first Cabinet meeting was held there next day.—United Press.

YEN HSI SHAN ARRIVES IN NANKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 10th.

The capital was flattered by the arrival of Yen Hsi Shan, who arrived at 9 a.m. this morning from Tongku. Chiang Kai Shek, Feng Yu Hsiang and other prominent leaders called on Yen Hsi Shan before noon.

Yen's headquarters are guarded by soldiers with rifles and machine guns. It is expected that he will stay some time.

PLOT AGAINST MR. HOOVER.

PLANS TO BOMB HIS TRAIN.

DISCOVERIES BY POLICE RAIDERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Buenos Aires, Dec. 12th.

The authorities have unearthed what is believed to be a plot against the life of Mr. Hoover, the President-Elect of the United States. The police, who for the past few days have been rounding up persons believed to be hostile to the United States, raided a house in which were discovered a number of bombs and pistols, a quantity of ammunition and also a map of the railway system. Two men were arrested.

The police believe that the plot was intended to place bombs on the railway line before the arrival of Mr. Hoover on Thursday.

INVESTIGATION OF REPARATIONS.

BRITISH REPLY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 12th.

After an exchange of views between the interested governments, a draft reply to the German note of October 30th on the subject of setting up a committee to study reparations problems has been prepared. The British Government have informed the French Government that they agree with the terms of this reply on the assumption that it is approved by the other governments which at Geneva decided to set up the committee.

LIVERPOOL WORTHY DEAD.

SIR ARCHIBALD SALVIDGE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 12th.

Sir Archibald Salvidge, an outstanding figure in the public life of Liverpool for nearly forty years and leader of the city council, died last evening. He was a prominent organizer of conservatism in the North of England.

BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS.

NOVEMBER FIGURES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 12th.

The Board of Trade returns for November show imports of £109,855,875 as compared with £107,458,713 for the corresponding month of 1927, and exports of £93,766,528 as compared with £70,809,051.

POLICE FORCED TO FIRE.

SEVERAL KILLED IN BOMBAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, December 12th.

At least three are dead as the result of a collision between mill strikers and police in North Bombay. The police fired in self-defence after being stoned.

UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

DECREASED FIGURES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 11th.

The latest returns show that the total number of unemployed is now 1,350,800.

This is 44,705 less than a week ago, but 201,152 more than last year.

ACTIVE BOYCOTT AT ICHANG.

A naval wireless message shows that trouble is being experienced at Ichang in regard to the loading of the Butterfield and Swire s.s. *Kintaro*.

It appears that the stevedores have refused to load the steamer with through cargo for Chungking, this being the result of intimidation by the Japanese Boycott Society.

The British Consul at Ichang is endeavouring to obtain from the Chinese authorities some assurance whereby willing labour may be safely employed.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.

H.M.S. *Hermes* arrived at Manila from Judat on Tuesday and the *Suffolk* at Wosung from Yokohama.

Information has reached the Colony that the four Southampton flying boats have arrived at Singapore at the conclusion of their Far Eastern tour, which included Hong Kong.

GREAT CHANGES IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

PROPOSALS BY LORD CLARENDON.

AN ELECTED BODY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 11th.

In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Clarendon introduced his proposals for the reform of the Upper Chamber.

This subject has been discussed for many years, and in the Parliament Act of 1911, which modified the powers of the House of Lords, the reform of its constitution was left over to a later date.

No Government measure dealing with the matter has since been advanced, but many proposals have been put forward by private members.

Elective Representation.

In introducing his proposals to-day, Lord Clarendon moved:—Firstly, that it was desirable that early steps should be taken to limit the number of members of the House of Lords, and to make suitable provision for elective representation of the Peers, and for such other representation or nomination as would ensure to each political party a fair position in the House.

Secondly, that the following constitution of the House of Lords would fulfil these conditions:—In each Parliament there should sit and vote 150 Peers elected by proportional representation of cumulative vote by the whole body of Peers, and 150 "other" persons nominated by the Crown in proportion to the parties in the House of Commons. The Crown should also have the power to appoint a limited number of life Peers in each Parliament.

Lord Clarendon advocated that Peers not elected to sit in the House of Lords should be eligible to stand as candidates for the House of Commons.

Strong Opposition.

The scheme was opposed by Lord Buckmaster for the Liberals and by Lord Parmoor on behalf of the Labour Party.

Lord Parmoor objected that 150 Peers elected by the present House of Lords would be predominantly Conservative.

The Lord Chancellor said the Government took the view that in a matter of such grave constitutional importance an endeavour ought at least to be made to secure a measure of general agreement to any proposed changes.

The Government said the Lord Chancellor had dropped the proposals made by Lord Chancellor Cave last year, because they did not receive that degree of general support which would have justified the Government in proceeding with them. There could, he said, be no chance of giving legislative effect to the proposals for the reform of the House during the life of the present Parliament.

EMPIRE JOURNALISTS IN CONFERENCE.

MEETING IN LONDON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 11th.

The Council of the Empire Press Union is making arrangements for the Imperial Press Conference to be held in London in June, 1930.

A strong committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Major Astor.

The chairman of the Canadian Branch of the Union has resigned, being succeeded by Lieut. Colonel J. H. Woods.

AFGHAN COMMUNICATIONS RESTORED.

TRUCE WITH THE REBELS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Dec. 11th.

A truce has been reached between the Afghan Government and the rebels, and peace negotiations are proceeding.

The telegraphs between Kabul and Peshawar have been restored.

GERMAN COAL MINE DISASTER.

VOLUNTEER RESCUERS KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOGNE, Dec. 11th.

Seven miners were fatally gassed, and three others seriously injured as the result of an outbreak of fire in the winding-shaft of the Diergardt Mine at Duisburg.

Three of the men who died were volunteer rescuers, who went down to the assistance of fallen comrades.

AUSTRIAN DEBT TO U.S.A.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11th.

The House of Representatives this morning for New York, where he will embark for home aboard the *Stratford* on December 14th.

THE KING'S BRAVE FIGHT.

IMPROVEMENT MAINTAINED.

WONDERFUL STRENGTH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 11th.

It was authoritatively stated at four o'clock this afternoon that there had been no change in His Majesty's condition since the morning.

The fact that the Queen, as yesterday, did not go out for her usual afternoon drive to-day has not allayed public anxiety, which is now very keen.

Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hewitt, who left Buckingham Palace at noon, returned at three o'clock in the afternoon. In the interval, Lord Dawson called at the Prince of Wales' residence, York House.

The evening bulletin, issued at 8.30 p.m., states:—

"The King has had a quiet day. There is no increase in the exhaustion and the pulse remains steady."

(Signed) DAWSON OF PENNY.

STANLEY HEWITT.

Magnificent Struggle.

To-night's bulletin while more satisfactory than might have been anticipated is not considered reassuring in Palace circles. Deep anxiety is now felt in general, though it is realised that His Majesty is struggling magnificently.

SLIGHTLY BETTER.

LONDON, Dec. 12th.

The bulletin issued at 10.30 a.m. this morning states that the King had some hours sleep, and the slight improvement of Wales has been maintained and indicates the wonderful strength with which His Majesty is fighting the disease.

The Prince of Wales rested during the morning and went to the Palace with the Duke of York at noon.

A huge crowd waited outside the Palace long after the bulletin had been posted, including many undergraduates who were in London for the Varsity Rugby match. There was a notable absence of "ragging" in the West End to-night.

Prince's Arrival.

The Prince of Wales reached London this evening, hours ahead of schedule.

The crowd was marshalled in orderly files on each side of the gates of the Palace by the time the Prince of Wales arrived, and it maintained a sympathetic silence, the men raising their hats to His Royal Highness, while a few of the women fluttered their handkerchiefs.

The Prince of Wales was immediately shown into the Queen's apartments, where she was waiting for him.

It was at first understood that at the request of the King's doctors, the Prince would not see the King to-night, it was later reported that the Prince of Wales saw the King for a short time and left the Palace with the Duke and Duchess of York at 11.30 p.m.

Surprise Visit.

An official announcement was issued at midnight in connection with the Prince's visit to the sick-room, stating that the King, though unaware of the Prince's expected arrival, immediately recognised and greeted him.

Lord Dawson left the Palace shortly after 11.30 p.m., soon after which it was stated most authoritatively that His Majesty's condition had undergone a slight change for the better since the last bulletin.

The Duke of York in the afternoon was present at a matinee at the Lyceum in aid of the National Lifeboat Institution, which the Queen only yesterday intimated that she regretted she was unable to attend. A crowded audience accorded a most impressive reception to the Duke.

Prince George.

Reuter is officially informed that Prince George left Bermuda this morning for New York, where he will embark for home aboard the *Stratford* on December 14th.

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PRINCE'S RETURN TO LONDON.

EAGER TO GO BY AIR.

AN OPEN SECRET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 12th.

Urged by the keen anxiety which was apparent to the thousands awaiting his return last night, the Prince of Wales accomplished his journey of over 6,000 miles from the wilds of Tanganyika to the bedside of his sick father in the unparalleled speed of under ten days.

Only by air could the journey have been made quicker, and the *Times* to-day describes it as an open secret that "Nothing less than the pressure of the head of the Government prevented a more expeditious method of transport, but one which in the circumstances was certainly not to be justified."

At Victoria he barely waited for the train to stop before jumping out to exchange a few earnest sentences with the Duke of York, who since the beginning of the illness has been the sole son present to comfort the sorely tried Queen.

Public Interest.

The frequent successive editions of the newspapers during the past few days, recording the Prince's kangaroo strides, has shown how the attention of the public has been divided between the sickbed and ship and train speeding from Africa.

It is not only as heir to the Throne but as the son of the King and Queen that the Prince is welcomed, and the newspapers set much store by his cheerful courage and youthful optimism as the best tonic for the invalid and a great consolation to the Queen, whose acute sufferings have evoked the keenest sympathy throughout the illness.

Across Europe.

The story of the Prince of Wales' arrival in London at 10.15 p.m. to-night, instead of to-morrow morning, involves a high tribute to the fine efforts made by the Italian, Swiss and French railway authorities to expedite his journey.

The Prince made the journey from Brindisi to London in record time, beating the ordinary time by at least sixteen hours. He did not pass through Paris in his race across France, but travelling at a speed greater than the usual expresses, followed a route via Chalons, Rheims and Laon, where his special train was switched on to the northern line and made direct for Boulogne via Amiens.

Special Precautions.

A Reuter message from Paris describes the measures observed to ensure the privacy of the Prince of Wales. During the dash across France, the engine was changed at Laon, and the Prince paced the platform smoking a cigarette, while special precautions were taken to keep the platform clear of the public.

At Amiens, various officials assembled, but the blinds of the Prince's carriage were drawn and he did not show himself.

The Prince arrived at Boulogne at 6.55 p.m., hours before he was expected; he was in fact scheduled to arrive at 9.40.

He was accompanied by a French detective, who joined the special train at Bale. The train was slightly delayed by a blockage on the line outside Lille Haute Soane, but it made up the lost time so well that it reached Leam an hour in front of schedule.

On disembarking from the train at Boulogne, the Prince received a telegram giving the latest news of the King's condition. The Prince was greeted by the Sub-Prefect, who conveyed the wishes of the French Government for His Majesty's recovery. Also present on the platform were the Chief Engineer of the Nord Railway, which carried the Prince for the greater part of the way, a director of the Southern Railway and other officials.

Rapid Travelling.

The Prince decided, after all, not to embark on the destroyer, H.M.S. *Torch*. He went aboard the ordinary packet-boat *Barritz* which left of Folkestone at 7.10 p.m. The average speed of the Prince from Brindisi to Boulogne including the *Barritz* arrived at Folkestone at about 8.30 p.m. and the Prince of Wales on landing at 8.44 p.m. was greeted by the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who had travelled from London for the purpose.

The Prince and the Premier embarked for London four minutes later.

The Prince's special train reached London at 10.18 p.m. and he was met on the platform by the Duke of York.

Long before the Prince was due at Victoria, dense throngs gathered at every approach to the station, which was guarded by a large force of police. The crowd was immense in spite of the fact that it was a cold, wet, cheerless night.

Informal Arrival.

The arrival in accordance with the Prince's special request was

FRENCH SENATOR'S MISDOINGS.

FORGED NAME ON BILL OF EXCHANGE.

A MONASTIC REFUGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 11th.

A sensation has been created in French political circles by the President of the Senate announcing that a request has been received from the Public Prosecutor for authorisation to institute criminal proceedings against Senator Kloutz, who was Minister of Finance in M. Clemenceau's Cabinet.

The allegations are that he uttered cheques with insufficient cover in connection with the payment for a motor-car and that he forged the name of a business man as the acceptor of a bill of exchange.

Sensor Kloutz recently retired into a religious retreat.

INQUIRY IN THE TEA TRADE.

DEATH OF LEADING WITNESS.

JAVA PRODUCT'S GOOD QUALITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 11th.

The tragic death of one of the leading personalities in the Ceylon tea trade was announced in the course of to-day's hearing of the application for an order requiring a mark of origin for tea at the Board of Trade.

Mr. William Campbell, the chairman of the Ceylon Tea Association, who gave evidence yesterday, did not appear this morning, and just before the inquiry was again adjourned, counsel for the applicants reported that Mr. Campbell had collapsed and died on a train on his way to the inquiry.

Major A. A. Cripps, of the Blue Funnel Line, said that if a marking order was granted and this affected the quantity of tea imported into Britain, it would also affect British shipping which carried tea, and would result in Amsterdam establishing competition with London as the tea market.

Mr. John Garrett, the president of the Tea-Buyers' Association, attributed the increased consumption of Java and Sumatra tea in Britain to its cheapness and suitability for blending.

Java and Sumatra tea, he said, was on an average about 34d. per lb. below the price of Indian and Ceylon tea.

He considered that the standard of tea from the Dutch East Indies during the past ten years had been exceptionally high. He knew that the production of Indian and Ceylon tea had been restricted.

He also declared that there was no other country of any size except the Dutch East Indies able to supply tea when the cost of Empire tea was high. He was sure that if a marking order was made, some of the retail trade would be lost and the well-known blends could not be supplied as cheaply as at present.

Mr. Garrett denied that Java tea was used in popular blends for purposes of profit, but said that it was used in blends because it was more advantageous to the public.

OLD RUSSIAN ART TREASURES.

PROPERTY OF SOVIET.

DECISION OF GERMAN COURT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 11th.

The legal battle over the sale of art treasures alleged to have been taken illegally by the Bolsheviks from the palaces and homes of the Russian aristocracy, was brought to an end to-day, the injunctions granted to Prince Alexander Cotromantz, and other emigres, by the Supreme Court being quashed in the Higher Court.

The judges ruled that by the Soviet Nationalisation Decree of November, 1920, all mobile property belonging to fugitive Russians became State property.

The Russian law is binding on the German courts, and an order was, therefore, given for the articles involved in the dispute to be returned to the auctioneers, Messrs. Lepke, or to their purchasers.

marked by a complete lack of formality. The customary red carpet was not laid, there were no flags, and no Press photographers.

The Duke of York arrived at the station just before the train.

The Prince of Wales was looking tired and anxious, but he alighted briskly and was warmly greeted by his brother.

The thousands waiting outside maintained a sympathetic silence for the son who had hurried across two continents to reach the bedside of his sick father.

The Prince of Wales immediately drove to Buckingham Palace where he arrived at 10.23, proceeding to the Queen's Apartments, and later visiting his father for a short time.

SOUTH AMERICAN TROUBLE.

LEAGUE HOPES FOR PEACE.

CABLE TO DISPUTANTS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 12th.

The Council of the League of Nations at Lugano yesterday decided, after two secret sessions, to dispatch to the Governments of Bolivia and Paraguay—both countries being members of the League—a telegram in reference to the frontier incident that has arisen between them.

The telegram, sent in the name of M. Briand, Acting President of the Council, gives the text of the resolution unanimously adopted by the Council as follows: "The Council expresses its full conviction that the incidents which have occurred between the two members of the League of Nations will not become serious. It does not doubt that the two states which, by signing the covenant, have solemnly pledged themselves to seek by pacific means the solution of disputes arising between them, will have recourse to such methods as would be in conformity with their international obligations and would appear in the actual circumstances to be most likely to ensure, together with the maintenance of peace, the settlement of their disputes."

The members of the Council present included the representatives of Chile, Venezuela and Cuba.

Pan-American Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12th.

The Bolivian delegation has withdrawn from the special committee of the Pan-American Congress, which is seeking to conciliate Paraguay and Bolivia, on the ground that Paraguay has not yet made suitable reparations for the alleged invasion of Bolivian territory. The Bolivian Legation announces that the Government has taken precautionary measures which are indispensable in view of the existing situation, but has not mobilised reserves.

PLAGUE CASES FEARED IN SHANGHAI.

THREE CHINESE SUSPECTS.

REMOVED FROM FRENCH CONCESSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8th.

It is feared that an outbreak of bubonic plague has taken place in Shanghai. Three Chinese are at present in hospital under observation, and while at the moment it is impossible to state that they are suffering from plague, all the indications are to that effect.

The district from which the cases come is in the French Concession, a Chinese village close to the Sincawei Creek at the south end of Rue Amiral Bayle. In the conglomeration of Chinese houses which exist there it is believed that at least 1,000 Chinese must live, and from here the cases were reported to the French Municipal health authorities on Thursday.

As mentioned, it is not yet certain whether it is bubonic plague from which they are suffering, but microscopic examinations are being made, not only of their blood but also of rats which have been trapped in the vicinity, and it is expected that within a day or two the position will be known definitely.

FOOTBALL.

R.A. TAKE TWO POINTS FROM K.O.S.B.

CHINA ATH. BEAT S. CHINA IN MID-WEEK LEAGUE.

ANOTHER PLAYER ORDERED OFF.

The following are the results of League games played yesterday:—

HONG HONG LEAGUE.

Division 1.		
R.A.	1	K.O.S.B. 2
China Ath.	2	South China 0
Two Chinese	3	Hung Kui 0
Lam Long Wan	1	H.K. Police 0

MID-WEEK LEAGUE TABLES.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
China Athletic	9	7	1	1	15
South China	8	5	1	2	11
Lam Long Wan	9	4	2	2	10
P.W.D. Chinese	9	3	2	3	9
Two Chinese	9	3	2	4	8
H.K. Police	10	3	1	6	7
Hung Kui School	8	1	4	7	2

K.O.S.B. v. R.A.

This 1st Division League Match was played at Soekunpo yesterday, and the Borderers dropped two valuable points by losing to the Gunners by the only goal scored.

Leach played brilliantly and led his line in masterly style, and opened out the game in such a way that the Gunners were dangerous whenever they got going. The Borderers had many chances in the first half, but frittered them away, and the teams crossed over with neither having found the net.

Half-time: K.O.S.B. 0, R.A. 0. Play had only restarted a few moments when Leach worked the ball through the defence, but the centre forward shot over. Borderers retaliated and forced two corners which were cleared. Play became very tame until Leach after a fine effort sent a pass to Hill which the latter headed into the net.

The game was witnessed by H.E. The General Officer Commanding the Troops, and was refereed by Mr. F. Smith.

Result: K.O.S.B. 0, R.A. 1.

POLICE v. LAM LONG WAN.

Police dropped both points to Lam Long Wan yesterday after having most of the play throughout. Lam Long Wan are triers all the way through, and although their efforts are lacking in polish, they combine well together and shoot hard and often.

Police were on top for most of the first half, but with the exception of two fine long range drives from McEwen the Lam Long Wan goalies were never seriously troubled.

Half-time: Police 0, Lam Long Wan 1.

Police set up another strong attack on resuming, but failed time after time when in good scoring positions.

Result: Police 0, Lam Long Wan 1.

Police:—Estall, Nolan, Sherry, Callard, McEwen, Mohr, Gowans, Hunter, Kinnear, Forbes and Farrell.

Lam Long Wan:—Leung Shee Wah, Leung Kam Fook, Yu Kam Ping, Wong Wing Lin, Lo Chi Yin, Leung So, Chow Hon Ting, Chan Yun Kuen, Yeung Kwai, Ho Kar Kwon, Ho Sack Chuen.

Referee: Pte. Lamb, R.A.M.C.

CHINESE ATHLETIC v. SOUTH CHINA.

A large crowd gathered to witness this mid-week "local derby" on the H.K.F.C. Ground yesterday. Play was never of a very high order, over excitement causing a lot of wild and purposeless kicking. Leung Tat Wing was in fine form at centre forward for the Athletic, and delighted the crowd with some clever dribbles.

Half-time: Chinese Athletic 0, South China 0.

South China started the second half in dashing style, but were weak in front of goal. Goals were hard to come by, and it was not until ten minutes from the close that Athletic opened through On Kit Sang, kicked the ball over the South China goalies' head into the net. Athletic took the ball straight back from the kick off, and just on time Leung Tat Wing added the second after a thrilling struggle in the goalmouth.

Result: Chinese Athletic 2, South China 0.

EWO v. HUNG KUI SCHOOL.

A very moderate game was witnessed at Happy Valley between these two teams, and unfortunately tempers again became frayed, with the result that the Referee gave Han Sun Chai of Hung Kui marching orders for kicking an opponent. Ewo were the stronger team throughout, and always had the game well in hand.

Result: Ewo 3, Hung Kui School 0.

VARSITY RUGGER MATCH.

FLYING START FOR CAMBRIDGE.

SMEDDLE'S THREE TRIES.

[THROUGH BRITISH AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 11th.

Despite a fine recovery after Cambridge had crossed their line three times in the first ten minutes, Oxford University could not make up the leeway in the Varsity Rugby match at Twickenham. Cambridge University winning by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to 10 points (a penalty goal, a try and a drop goal).

Forty thousand spectators turned out for the match in spite of the gloomy weather, and they were rewarded by a fine game.

Before the start there was a most impressive silence, the teams lining up, the crowd rising and uncovering their heads while the band played "God Save the King."

At the outset of the match, Oxford were badly beaten for pace, and Smeddle forced his way through twice in the first eight minutes, scoring two tries, the first of which was easily converted by Waters.

Then Anrold came away absolutely by himself and scored a great try, which was unconverted, and Cambridge thereby gained a lead of 11 points to 0 in ten minutes.

Oxford improved afterwards, their pack working splendidly and heeling much more effectively than their opponents.

Adamson reduced the lead from a penalty goal, and soon afterwards McPherson crossed the line.

At half-time Cambridge led by 11 points to 0, and they set the seal on their victory thirteen minutes after the restart, Smeddle breaking through to score his third try, this time in the corner.

Oxford promptly returned to the attack and were pressing for some time. Adamson dropped a goal in great style, but there was no further scoring.

WOMEN'S CLUB AT CANTON.

TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

The International Women's Club of Canton held a very enjoyable social meeting at the residence of Mrs. M. Thorne Rankin, Tungshan, Canton, when over fifty members including their guests attended. Women representing several nationalities were present for this is an organization solely for the purpose of bringing about friendship among the English-speaking women of Canton. This club holds a meeting once every two months in different parts of Canton, and this time, it was at Tungshan, and the Tungshan members were hostesses.

Miss Bessie Lau gave a piano recital which everyone enjoyed. She is a well-known pianist in Canton, and has recently returned from France where she studied music. She has also studied in America, and before she came to Canton a few years ago was a teacher of piano at Pooi To Baptist Academy, Tungshan, an American organization. Assisting in the programme was Mrs. K. C. Lau, also a musician of note in Canton. Mrs. Lau rendered several songs which were very popular. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. K. F. Cheuk, principal of Pooi To Academy.

A business meeting was held before the recital began. The International Women's Club has very capable officers this year in Mrs. W. W. Cadbury of Lingnan University (president), Mrs. W. H. Wu (vice-president), Miss Inez Lung (secretary), Mrs. Samuel Wong (treasurer), Mrs. E. H. Lockwood (chairman of the programme committee), and Mrs. Paul Todd (chairman of the social committee).

The meeting ended up with a social hour when tea was served. Further meetings are planned for next year to come, and it is hoped that the Club's membership will be increased. An International Women's Tennis Tournament is being arranged and will be discussed on Saturday at Lingnan University tennis courts.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "KENT."

The following will represent the H.K.F.C. (Rugby Section) against H.M.S. "Kent" to-day at 4.15 p.m. sharp:—S. J. H. Fox; A. L. Goldmann; G. A. L. Plummer; I. E. L. Mackay; F. A. Merry; J. L. Bonnar; C. D. Wales; B. P. Maasey; E. R. West; J. Riddell; W. Lithgow-Smith; W. Leckie; H. F. Akhurst; W. R. Andrews; J. H. Raikes.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. 2ND XI. v. R.A.S.C.

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. in the above League match on Saturday on the I.R.C. Ground at 2 p.m. sharp:—Sirdar Khan (Captain), M. P. Madar, A. S. Sufian, N. B. Kitchell, A. M. Ramjahn, A. R. Sufian, J. M. A. Ramjahn, F. M. Arculli, D. Mohamed, A. Butt, R. Nazarin and Reserve: M. R. Abbas.

UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

THE LATEST TRAINING REPORTS.

OXFORD'S FAST SPINS IN STRONG WIND.

LONDON, Nov. 18th.

Though fine weather followed the drenching rains of the morning the Oxford crews had to contend against a strong wind yesterday afternoon, and they were kept to their home water. They got through a lot of useful work, and to-day the President will give them a holiday. To-morrow, however, they will row a long course under the supervision of Mr. Harcourt Gold.

Morrison-Scott (Christ Church), who had been rowing "3" in "A" crew on the previous day, gave way to Juel-Brockdorff (Pembroke), crossing over to the latter's seat at "5" in the other boat. "A" crew got afloat in a light racing eight lent by Pembroke College, but "B" were again using the heavy trial. They hope to get a light ship on Monday.

John did some strong paddling on the first outing. They then put about at the lake and each made a formal start. "A" went off at a racing stroke, getting in 40 in the first minute. They dropped to 32, and did the final stretch from the Chertwell at 33. "B" were content to get away at 34. They dropped to 32 all along the Willow Reach, and finished up at 34. Both covered the full course without an easy.

Order of rowing:—"A" Crew—P. D. Barr (Radley and Trinity) (bow), R. M. MacCulloch (Sidney University and New College), D. C. Juel-Brockdorff (Denmark and Pembroke), J. H. Macdonald (Winchester and Magdalen), R. S. Macdonald-Smith (Nottingham High School and New College), J. A. Hughes (University of Tasmania and Magdalen), D. E. Tinne (Eton and University), H. Graham (Eton and Brasenose) (stroke), G. V. Stoppard (Radley and New College) (cox).

"B" Crew—A. N. Mitchell (Shrewsbury and Balliol) (bow), A. E. Drew (Bishops Stortford and St. Catherine's), J. E. M. Ayoub (St. Paul's and Lincoln), W. A. Bloomfield (Sidney University and New College), T. C. S. Morrison-Scott (Eton and Christ Church), R. J. Low (Winchester and University), J. D. Leck (Shrewsbury and St. John's), C. M. Johnston (Shrewsbury and Brasenose) (stroke), H. A. G. Durbridge (Malvern and University) (cox).

CAMBRIDGE LOCK-TO-LOCK TRIAL.

BEST TIME ON THE CAM FOR THREE YEARS.

Under good conditions and with a favourable breeze to help them two of the Cambridge Trial Eight rowed a lock-to-lock trial of nearly three miles in excellent time, the best returned for three years. "A" Crew, stroked by J. G. H. Lander (First Trinity) and "B" Crew, stroked by R. J. Elles (Trinity Hall) were engaged in the trial, "C" Crew only having a short outing.

The general form displayed, although not helped by the following wind in the more exposed reaches, was good, and the two crews engaged may be regarded as being better than last year. "A" Crew were some 12 seconds faster yesterday, and may be considered, apart from minor pace, to be the better combination.

The stern four oars were impressive, and Lander proved himself a capital leader; he refused to be hurried and kept good length and rhythm. "B" Crew were driven hard all the way, and the men worked together excellently, but did not show up quite so well as the other crew.

The trials were followed by the C.U.B.C. officials—R. Beesly (president), N. M. Aldous (secretary), Sir Henry Howard (treasurer), and many other Blues.

"A" Crew—E. V. Norman-Butler (Third Trinity) (bow), H. R. Hose (Jesus), R. E. Beesly (Selwyn), N. Groves (Pembroke), R. L. Leith (Christ's), O. V. Bevan (Lady Margaret), E. V. Bevan (First Trinity), J. G. H. Lander (First Trinity), R. E. Swartwout (First Trinity) (cox).

"B" Crew—B. J. Chatterton (Clare) (bow), R. V. Holme (Caius), J. A. F. Beale (First Trinity), D. H. E. Vesey (First Trinity), R. R. Penney (Pembroke), J. Watts (First Trinity), C. E. Wool-Lewis (Third Trinity), R. J. Elles (Trinity Hall) (stroke), E. S. Abbott (Jesus) (cox).

Table Of Times.

"A" Crew—Start, 0 min. 0 sec.; Trinity Hall Boat-house, 1 min. 44 sec.; End of Concrete Wall, 5 min. 28 sec.; Pike and El, 7 min. 32 sec.; Red Grind, 12 min. 55 sec.; Finish, 17 min. 18 sec.

"B" Crew—Start, 0 min. 0 sec.; Trinity Hall Boat-house, 1 min. 47 sec.; End of Concrete Wall, 5 min. 45 sec.; Pike and El, 7 min. 35 sec.; Red Grind, 13 min. 4 sec.; Finish, 17 min. 27 sec.

"C" Crew were afloat at 1.45 and paddled down as far as the railway bridge, and back, and subsequently took their boat up to Caius boat-house, where they were disbanded. The amended order of rowing in "C" crew was:

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INTER-SCHOOL VOLLEY-BALL.

ELLIS KADOORIE WIN DIVISION "A."

The inter-school volleyball league concluded with the re-play between King's College and St. Paul's College, who had tied for first place in the second division, St. Paul's winning by a narrow margin. Ellis Kadoorie secured the honours in the "A" division and St. Paul's again in the "C" division.

The results were as follows:—

Division "A."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
Ellis Kadoorie	10	10	0
Hon Chang	10	8	2
Wah Yan	10	8	2
Tutorial Inst.	10	3	7
St. Paul's	10	2	8
King's	10	1	9

Division "B."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	13	12	1
King's	13	11	2
Queen's	12	7	5
Wah Yan	12	6	6
Wanstall	12	4	8
Y.M.C.A. School	12	3	9
Tutorial Inst.	12	0	12

Division "C."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "D."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	13	12	1
King's	13	11	2
Queen's	12	7	5
Wah Yan	12	6	6
Wanstall	12	4	8
Y.M.C.A. School	12	3	9
Tutorial Inst.	12	0	12

Division "E."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "F."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "G."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "H."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "I."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "J."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "K."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "L."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "M."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "N."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "O."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "P."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "Q."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "R."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "S."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "T."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "U."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "V."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "W."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "X."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "Y."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "Z."

	PLAYED	WON	LOST
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	2	4
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

Division "AA."

	PLAYED
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Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 12th.

Previous Day at 2 p.m.

On Date at 8 a.m.

On Date at 4 p.m.

Barometer ... 30.08 30.10 30.07

Temperature ... 70 66 70

Humidity ... 78 89 84

Wind ... E E N

Direction ... 8 2 1

Force ... 0 0 0

Weather ... 0 0 0

Rain ... 0.00 0.00 0.02

Highest open-air Temperature, 11th: 70

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B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning;

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 13th to 19th, 1928.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week. Days of Month. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height.

Thurs. 13. h. m. a. m. h. m. p. m.

Fri. 14. 11 41 4 38 1 18

Sat. 15. 9 37 7 9 3 7

Sun. 16. 2 51 8 0 5 16

Mon. 17. 1 24 4 1 5 56

Tues. 18. 10 32 7 9 3 43

Wed. 19. 2 18 4 3 6 40

Thurs. 20. 11 4 7 7 3 54

Mon. 21. 11 46 7 4 7 27

Tues. 22. No inter. high nor low

Wed. 23. No inter. high nor low

Thurs. 24. 4 04 7 0 4 46

Mon. 25. 4 04 7 0 4 46

MARRIED FROM THE DOCK.

REMAND GRANTED FOR A WEDDING.

A young woman stood in the dock at Marylebone Police Court, London, one morning last month, and was married in the afternoon. She was charged with stealing finery from a fellow-lodger to make herself more attractive to her employer, who had fallen in love with her, and the magistrate decided not to upset the wedding plans.

She was Peggy S., aged thirty-one a shop assistant, and she was accused of stealing from Portadown - road, Maida Vale, where she had been lodging, clothing belonging to Miss Marjorie Haden.

Detective McKay said that arrangements had been made for Miss S. to be married that afternoon.

The intended husband was then called into court, and verified the fact that the marriage was fixed for 2.30 that afternoon.

Three Months' Remand. Mr. Bingley, the magistrate, decided to remand Miss S. for three months on bail, and accepted her intended husband's surety in £5 for her appearance at the end of that period.

The assistant registrar was ready to conduct the marriage ceremony in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m., but the bride and bridegroom did not manage to reach the register office until a few minutes before three.

The ceremony was hurried through and completed just in time. Marriages in England, of course, cannot be celebrated after 3 p.m.

"I wish I had never come into his life!" These tragic words were spoken by the bride as soon as she reached home after the wedding.

The woman is tall, slender, and beautiful. She has finely chiselled features and large grey eyes. She sobbed bitterly as she leaned heavily on the arm of her husband, and every now and then she cried, "What a terrible day!"

The bridegroom is a manly young fellow, and although his eyes were almost blinded by the tears which fell freely he said he would not alter things for the world's riches. "She is my wife," he said passionately to a reporter who saw the young couple. He slipped his arm round his bride's waist, and, smiling bravely, said, "Perhaps, after all, it is for the best. This terrible ordeal we have passed through—it is like some hideous nightmare—is over and now we look forward to a bright, happy life together. I hope people will not make it hard for us to live it down."

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All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

A Protest has been noted by the Master against bad weather.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO. Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1928. [7090]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA PORTS.

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having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 19th December, 1928, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1928. [7090]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

N.Y.K. LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES AND UNDERWRITERS.

S.S. "TANGO MARU" UNDER GENERAL AVERAGE.

AS NOTIFIED in This Paper on 6th and 7th INSTANT, Some Part of the CARGO on the above Steamer arrived by the S.S. "CHANGTE" on 7th INSTANT.

The S.S. "TANGO MARU" is proceeding to JAPAN direct from MANILA, and all the Remaining Cargoes from AUSTRALIAN PORTS including THURSDAY ISLAND are coming forward per our S.S. "AKI MARU" due here on or about 20th INSTANT.

All the Consignees concerned are requested to sign G. A. BOND at our Office and to pay a Deposit of Fifteen (15) Per Cent. of the Valuation of their Consignments before Bills of Lading will be countersigned for Delivery. [7088]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM U.S.A.

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TJILEBOET	DALAT, AMOT	17th Dec.	19th Dec. 4 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA
TJISAROE	S'WAT, K'LONG & AMOT	24th Dec.	26th Dec. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJIMANOEK	JAVA, MAKASSAR	14th Dec.	17th Dec.	AMOT, N. CHINA
TJISONDAIR	BATAVIA	18th Dec.	22nd Dec.	AMOT, SHANGHAI, KEELUNG

TO MANILA.

STEAMERS	FROM HONG KONG	FROM MANILA
TJILEBOET	19th December, 4 p.m.	22nd December
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AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & HONGKONG	"KINGCHOW"	On 15th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANGOW"	On 18th Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & DALNY	"KIANGSU"	On 18th Dec.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 14th Dec.	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On 14th Dec.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"OHUSAN"	On 20th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KIUKIANG"	On 20th Dec.	3 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 23rd Dec.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"YINGCHOW"	On 23rd Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & DALNY	"KWANGTUNG"	On 23rd Dec.	Noon
HONGKONG, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 23rd Dec.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 23rd Dec.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKAIING"	On 25th Dec.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUBICHOW"	On 31st Dec.	4 p.m.

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ATHOS II ... 15th Jan., "	SPHINX ... 15th Jan., "
DARTAGNAN ... 29th Jan., "	G. METZINGER ... 29th Jan., "
SPHINX ... 12th Feb., "	PAUL LEON ... 12th Feb., "
G. METZINGER ... 26th Feb., "	ANDRE LEBON ... 26th Feb., "
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ARRIVALS.

December 11th.
Basse, Norwegian str., 683 tons.
Capt. Hansen, from Canton.
lying at buoy No. C46—K.
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December 12th.
Benwood, Norwegian str., 2,389 tons.
Capt. A. Bugge, from Whampoa, lying at Stonecutters—Berg & Co.

Diomed, British str., 6,339 tons.
Capt. T. R. Ireland, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 9th, with 3 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A52—B. & S.

Franken, German str., 4,630 tons.
Capt. P. Kuhnemann, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 9th, lying at buoy No. A1—Melchers & Co.

Gemma, Dutch str., 5,337 tons.
Capt. P. Brouwer, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 9th, lying at buoy No. A10—J.C.J.L.

Hai Ching, British str., 1,279 tons.
Capt. O. H. Farrer, from Fochow and Swatow, with 500 tons of general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hosun, Japanese str., 2,330 tons.
Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung, with 650 tons of coal and merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K. Hydrunaga, British str., 581 tons.
Capt. W. Brewer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kwai Sang, British str., 2,330 tons.
Capt. C. Alexandre, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Muroran Maru, Japanese str., 3,251 tons.
Capt. T. Nishikawa, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Narada, American str., 3,517 tons.
Capt. J. S. Smith, from Nagasaki, which port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A26—Columbia S.S. Co.

Newton, British str., 2,343 tons.
Capt. D. M. Licoll, from Calcutta, which port she left on December 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B50—Bradley Co.

Tulma, British str., 10,000 tons.
Capt. B. W. Hocking, from Calcutta, which port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons.
Capt. W. J. Hodge, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,749 tons.
Capt. J. Groothoff, from Singapore, which port she left on December 6th, with 529 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6—J.C.J.L.

Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons.
Capt. J. Kop, from Amoy, lying at West Point—A.P.C.

Yunnan, British str., 1,203 tons.
Capt. W. Peplow, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C41—B. & S.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	6.54 a.m.	5.40 p.m.
To-morrow	6.55 "	5.41 "
Saturday	6.55 "	5.41 "

CONTRACT FOR A SHIP.

BUREAU VERITAS' REPRESENTATIVE GETS JUDGMENT.

"USUAL PRACTICE NOT DEPARTED FROM."

Judgment was delivered yesterday afternoon at the Summary Court by Mr. Justice P. Jacks, in the case in which Mr. R. H. Hunter, representative of the Bureau Veritas, Shipbuilding Company the sum of \$187.40 for work done and disbursements made.

The dispute arose out of a tender submitted by the defendants to a Manila firm who desired to build a steamer in Hong Kong. It was specially requested by them that the construction of the ship was to be in accordance with the regulations of the Bureau, which is operated on lines similar to Lloyd's. Defendants submitted their plans and specifications for the approval of Mr. Hunter, who in turn forwarded them to their head-office in Paris. Defendants asked for a reply by cable and this was done. The tender was accepted but later when it was found that the ship in defendants' yard was not big enough to construct a ship of the size required, the contract was not signed.

Plaintiff therefore claimed for his services rendered in connection with the plans and specifications, and also for the cost of the telegraphic reply from Paris.

Mr. T. G. Bennett appeared for Mr. Hunter and the defendants were represented by Mr. P. X. d'Almada, Sr. The case was heard on Tuesday morning and His Lordship, after hearing evidence from both parties, reserved judgment.

THE JUDGMENT.

In his judgment delivered yesterday afternoon, his Lordship said:— "This is an action to recover a sum due for service rendered by the plaintiff to a firm of ship-builders."

The defendants contracted with a firm in Manila for the construction of a steamship which was to comply with the regulations of the Bureau Veritas which plaintiff was the representative.

The defendants submitted plans and specifications to the plaintiff and signed a request to the plaintiff to survey the ship whilst under construction. The plaintiff forwarded the plans and specifications to Paris and obtained a telegraphic reply at the request of the defendants. He now seeks to recover the usual fees for his services and his disbursements.

The defence is first that the plaintiff is the agent of the firm who gave the order for building the ship, and second that he is not entitled to recover in person as he is only the agent of the Bureau Veritas.

When a ship is to be built in accordance with certain requirements, it is the duty of the ship builder to comply with those requirements, and take the necessary steps to that end. He would naturally include the cost of so doing in his contract price. I see no reason to believe that this practice has been departed from in this case. (Continued on next column).

CLEARANCES.

December 12th.
Benwood, for Koshichang.
Diomed, for Singapore.
Dorry, for Hongkong.
Francis Garnier, for Haiphong.
Franken, for Singapore.
Fukuji Maru, for Fushiki.
Gemma, for Manila.
Kwai Sang, for Canton.
Lushan Maru, for Canton.
Mau Sang, for Sandakan.
Muroran Maru, for Singapore.
Shantung, for Canton.
Tyndareus, for Kobe.
Van Heutz, for Swatow.
Wong Shik Kung, for Saigon.
Yuan Lee, for Swatow.
Yunnan, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.
The following passengers arrived here by the s.s. Tulma from Calcutta and Way Ports:—Mr. A. H. Lugg, Miss M. B. Grimwood, Mr. and Mrs. Lim Ta Tsick, Mrs. Lam Hum Keow, Mr. Gan Choo Leoit, Mr. and Mrs. Gild.

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I do not believe that any interviews which plaintiff may have had with the agent of the firm who gave the order to the defendants for building the ship, affected the relationship between the plaintiff and defendants in any way.

With regard to the second point that the Bureau and not plaintiff should have been the plaintiff in this action. It is true that plaintiff is the accredited representative of the Bureau here, but there is no evidence that he is a salaried official of the Bureau and that the Bureau is entitled to everything he earns for his personal services here. The plaintiff stated that he merely pays the Bureau a commission on what he earns. This was not disputed. He claims for his own personal services and I see no reason why he should not.

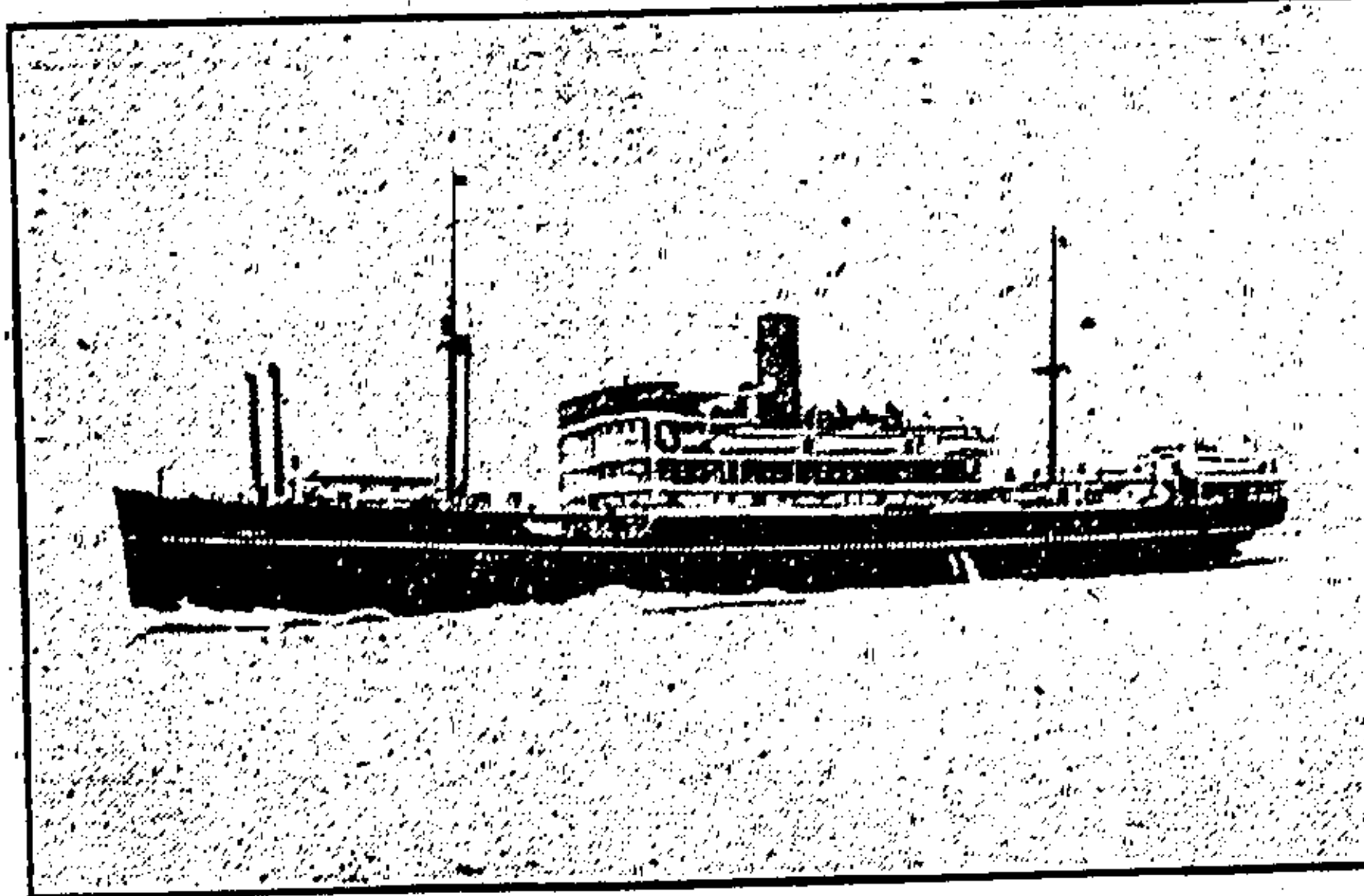
I give judgment for plaintiff for claim and costs.

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	"FOOSHING"	Wed., 26th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Fri., 14th Dec., at 7 a.m.
MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Satur., 22nd Dec., at Noon
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Mon., 17th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"KAMSANG"	Satur., 5th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 13th Dec., at Noon
	"HINSANG"	Wed., 19th Dec., at Noon
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EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 17	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 24
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 8	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 16	Mar. 19
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 22	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Mar. 30	Apr. 2
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 21
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 24	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 5
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 8	May 12	May 14	May 16	May 19
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	May 22	May 26	May 28	May 30	Jun. 2
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jun. 5	Jun. 9	Jun. 11	Jun. 13	Jun. 16
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

GOOD IMPORTS AND THROUGH CARGO.

HEAVY BRITISH THROUGH FREIGHTS

The general cargo discharged for this port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m., yesterday was quite good and through freights were well above average. Sixteen arrivals and fifteen departures were shown of which eight arrivals and eight departures were British ships. British imports were above the average, with exceptionally good through cargo.

Fourteen vessels discharged 11,518 tons of merchandise for this port and eight British vessels contributed 5,154 tons. The two best returns were from the s.s. Gemma (Dutch) arriving from Rotterdam and Shanghai with 4,547 tons of general cargo; and the s.s. Talma (British) from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,500 tons.

Through freights were very good amounting to 34,990 tons. Five British ships carried 29,293 tons, and the two best carriers were also British ships. The s.s. Glenegly carried 9,000 tons of merchandise from Vladivostok and Shanghai had 8,500 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	8
Dutch	2	0
German	1	0
Norwegian	1	3
Japanese	3	1
Chinese	1	3
Total	16	15

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Madison, Dec. 17th.

Australian-oriental Line.

Tasmania, Jan. 4th.

Changie, February 8th.

Bank Line.

City of Madras, Dec. 22nd.

City of Chester, Dec. 27th.

Leverbank, January 6th.

City of Bedford, Jan. 8th.

City of Calcutta, January 15th.

City of Baroda, February 1st.

San Line.

Benarty, Dec. 18th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Tyndareus, to-day.

Aeneas, Dec. 18th.

Protestant, Dec. 18th.

Heclor, Dec. 20th.

Atrous, Dec. 25th.

Thesus, Dec. 30th.

Achilles, January 8th.

Ningchow, January 8th.

Perseus, January 8th.

Talhybicus, January 8th.

Lycodon, January 10th.

Sarpedon, January 10th.

Empusa, January 11th.

Automedon, January 19th.

Tydeus, January 20th.

Izion, January 29th.

Dolius, January 31st.

Keemun, January 31st.

Calchas, February 3rd.

Patroclus, February 7th.

Phemius, February 7th.

Autolycus, February 8th.

Demodocus, February 19th.

Hellerophon, February 20th.

Euryades, February 24th.

Troilus, February 24th.

Agapenor, Mar. 7th.

Antenor, March 7th.

British-India and Apear Line.

Gazara, December 19th.

Talamba, December 22nd.

Santhia, December 31st.

Tilawa, January 11th.

Takliwa, January 17th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, Dec. 20th.

Dollar S.S. Line.

President Monroe, Dec. 15th.

President Pierce, Dec. 17th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John Manners & Co., Agents).

Nium, to-day.

Malaga, to-morrow.

Panama, Dec. 23rd.

Danmark, Dec. 31st.

Java, January 20th.

Australasia, February 11th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, December 26th.

Arafura, January 7th.

Tanda, February 4th.

Glan Line.

Carinthian, to-day.

Glenahane, Dec. 31st.

Glenegly, January 7th.

Cardigan, January 21st.

Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

Oldenburg, Dec. 16th.

Sachsen, December 19th.

Saarland, Dec. 21st.

Emil Kirchoff, Jan. 7th.

Havelland, Jan. 20th.

Havestadt, Feb. 1st.

Leverkusen, February 14th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjimonok, to-morrow.

Tjimonok, December 17th.

Tjimonok, December 19th.

Tjimonok, Dec. 24th.

Messageries Maritimes.

Athos II., December 18th.

Perthos, December 18th.

Chenonceau, January 1st.

Platanos, January 1st.

Sphinx, January 15th.

General Meisinger, Jan. 29th.

Paul Lecat, February 18th.

Andre Lebon, Feb. 26th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Ginjo Maru, to-day.

Kamo Maru, to-morrow.

Morioka Maru, Dec. 15th.

Hakodate Maru, Dec. 17th.

Bingo Maru, Dec. 18th.

Delagoa Maru, Dec. 18th.

Vagano Maru, Dec. 18th.

Sado Maru, for Dec. 18th.

Aki Maru, Dec. 20th.

Dakar Maru, Dec. 21st.

Hakone Maru, Dec. 23rd.

Mito Maru, Dec. 25th.

Yagato Maru, Dec. 26th.

Katori Maru, Dec. 28th.

Malacca Maru, Dec. 29th.

Rangoon Maru, Dec. 29th.

Tenyo Maru, Dec. 30th.

Togoku Maru, Dec. 30th.

Tamba Maru, Dec. 31st.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Colonia, Dec. 15th.

Fulda, Dec. 17th.

Mein, Dec. 22nd.

Trier, Jan. 13th.

Lohn, January 30th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Kashmir, to-morrow.

Trentilian, Dec. 17th.

Kilgus, Dec. 21st.

Valdera, December 22nd.

Alipora, January 1st.

Morea, January 4th.

Montua, January 5th.

Kashgar, January 18th.

Padua, January 18th.

Macedonia, February 1st.

Khiva, February 15th.

Malva, March 1st.

Khyber, March 7th.

Karmala, March 21st.

Prince Line.

Royal Prince, December 31st.

Japanese Prince, January 23th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.

Delhi, December 19th.

Ceylon, Dec. 24th.

DAILY-WATERFRONT NEWS.

TO-DAY'S MARINE COURT CASE.

OWNER FINED \$100; CASE AGAINST MASTER DISMISSED.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The case against the owners and master of the s.s. *Chuen Chow* of the Macao run, was again before Commander J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Harbour Office yesterday morning. The owner was found responsible for the overloading of the vessel and was fined \$100, but the summons against the master, Captain Thomas Jones, was dismissed. A detailed account of the hearing appears in another page of this issue.

Amoy Harbour.
A notification posted at the Harbour Office of Amoy states that the prohibition of entry of vessels into the Harbour between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. has been provisionally withdrawn.

S.S. "Wong Sek Kung" Sails.
The s.s. *Wong Sek Kung* (Chinese) Captain Harring, which was pirated several hours after leaving Hong Kong on Monday for Saigon, and which subsequently returned after the pirates had plundered the cargo, sailed yesterday afternoon at 6 p.m. for Saigon. This time the vessel carried 150 tons of general merchandise, but her entire Cantonese crew were taken into custody by the Police. The vessel is owned by Messrs. Kung Wo & Company, and not as stated by Messrs. Wo Fat Shing & Company.

S.S. "Tango Maru" Reflo

